



Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South General Membership Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

- **WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Helen Srebernak

Present: Helen Srebernak, Wendy Bruetsch, Monica Dennis, Marica Ostrowski, Jill Chown, Stacey Chen, Laura Wysocki, Kristen Ifkovits, Jen Bingaman, Libby Irby, Jaime Rae Turnbull, Sabine Iafrate, Elizabeth Cleland, Beth Newhart, Colleen Jogan, Paula Draper, Amy Van Osdol, Meghan Parent, Michele Lindsay, Lori Nixon, Rachel Huber, Jennifer Sasek, Christine Gallagher, Beverly Bennert, Kathy Smith, Simone Clayton, Lisa Muller, Mary Karcher, Paige George, Laura Wholihan, Mary Montgomery

- **PRINCIPAL**

Principal Moussa Hamka, the guest speaker, welcomed everyone to the GP South community. South was voted as the #1 high school teaching staff in Michigan. Some goals for this school year are more teacher interactions and programs. Standardize grading for all sections of a class, a therapy dog and workload planning such as not having more than 3 tests in a day are all topics on the horizon for social and emotional learning at South.

Currently there is no mandate for teachers to hand back tests to students, however, if a parent requests so it must be granted.

Hamka encouraged people to vote in the upcoming election as 25% of the GPPSS budget is at stake.

The track should be completed for homecoming. The contractor had not worked for a month and was served a legal notice to resume work. The gym is near completion.

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from the last meeting on May 22, 2019 will be moved to the October meeting.

- **TREASURER'S REPORT** given by Kristen Ifkovits

The June 2019 treasury report was approved. Marica Ostrowski motioned to approve.

The 2019/20 Budget was approved. Amy Van Osdol motioned to approve.

The July 2019 Treasury Report was approved. Marica Ostrowski motioned to approve.

The August 2019 Treasury report was approved except for the JP Morgan and UBS Financial account balances. Laura Wysocki motioned to approve.

The May 2019 South School Store Report was approved. Helen Srebernak motioned to approve.

The June 2019 South School Store Report was approved. Laura Wysocki motioned to approve.

- OFFICERS' REPORTS

- President - Helen Srebernak
First time Freshman parents will be contacted regarding the school store sign-up soon, as the roster was just received from the GPPSS Administration.
- Past President - Wendy Bruetsch
Homecoming (September 27th and 28th) is on task according to the timeline. Parents were asked to volunteer for chaperoning at the homecoming dance.
- President Elect - Marica Ostrowski
The South School Store will be open for Back to School night on September 12.
- VP Preservation - Jennifer Bingaman
The executive Board approved at the September 4th meeting an expenditure of \$16,537 from the preservation budget for the South Secure entrance project. Laura Wholihan motioned to approve with all in favor for approval.
- VP Scholarship - Beverly Bennert
Beverly explained the scholarship program and process for South Seniors.
- VP Enrichment - Amy Van Osdol
Amy explained the enrichment process. Applications to teachers/staff were sent today.
- Recording Secretary – vacant position
- Corresponding Secretary - Mary Montgomery
Mary is recording minutes for the Recording Secretary until position is filled.
- Assistant Treasurer - Laura Wysocki
No report for this month.

- CLASS SPONSOR REPORTS

Senior Class Homecoming plans are on task according to Laura Wholihan.
Junior Class – not present
Sophomore Class – Laura Wholihan stated there was a need to volunteer for the homecoming activities and dance.
Freshmen Class – not present

- ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS

- All Night Party/Graduation - Paige George/Laura Wholihan
280 tickets have been sold thus far.
- Alumni Representative - Julie Schuetze no report

- Art Representative/Fest -Paula Draper/Emily Wolfe
Volunteers for the event will be requested at the beginning of the year. The event is scheduled for March 25-28 with the awards night on March 27.
- Athletic Boosters Representative - Susie Sine no report
- Band / Orchestra Representative - Stacey Chen/Jill Chown
There is a mattress sale fundraiser this month. Last year it generated \$8,600. profit. Pops/Pastries is November 2nd.
- Board of Education Representative - Susie Gavagan /Michele Hodges
no report
- Choir Representative - Michelle Conlan
There is a garage sale fundraiser October 26 and 27.
- Cleminson Hall Decorations - Karen Yoo/ Laura Wysocki /Helen Srebernak
There is no date set for holiday decorating yet.
- College/Traded Night - Gail Miciuda/Torrey Stackpoole
Dates for the events are unconfirmed.
- Community Partnership- Rebecca Fannon/ Juli Rybicki /Cydni Schutter
Solicitation letter will be mailed this month to generate community partners.
- Date with Devil - Jaime Rae Turnbull
The event is a Battle of the Bands theme.
- Development - Julie Schuetze no report
- Directory - Tricia Bower/ Anne Jackson LeFevre/Emily Scupholm no report
- Faculty Events - Helen Srebernak/Andrea Brien/Sabine Iafrate
Fall and spring dates are to be determined.
- Gardeners - Jo Fox/ Anne Vanker /Biz Williamson
The gardening efforts in front of the school are in progress.
- High Pointes - Kim Clextion/ Kristin Mallegg
The first edition which is printed was mailed late but most recipients have received the edition in the US mail.
- Holiday Tea - Mindy Barry/Laura Green/Anne Grobel
Freshmen parents traditionally volunteer by supplying baked goods for this event.
- Holiday Walk
Helen Srebernak will chair this event which is scheduled for December 8th with 5-6 houses on the tour.
- Homecoming - Renee Borowicz/Renee Palazzolo
The event is on task as scheduled.
- Hospitality - Karen Houting no report
- Mailing - Andrea Brien/ Nicole Kuhnlein/Emily Scupholm no report
- Membership - Elizabeth Cleland/Colleen Jogan
Kristen Ivkovits will meet with this group to answer tracking and income questions.
- PTO Council - Megan Parent
The first PTO Council meeting is in October.
- Publicity - Melissa Smith no report

- School Store - The school store is open for business. Cookies are being made and sold on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
 - Spring Benefit Chairs – vacant position
 - Volunteers - Wendy Bruetsch
Wendy will get volunteer lists from registration to the corresponding chairs.
 - Website - Rachel Huber
Please contact Rachel with any requests for website content.
- OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS
 - Sept 11 -Mothers' Club kick-off meeting Cleminson Hall 7pm
 - Sept 12 - Back to School Night 6:30pm
 - Set 23-27 - Spirit Week
 - Sept 27 - Homecoming parade and football game
 - Sept 28 - Homecoming Dance South Gym
 - Oct 9 - Mothers' Club meeting Cleminson Hall 7pm
 - Oct 16&17 - Evening High School conferences.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.