

PTSA Meeting April 17, 2025

Meeting Commencement: 6:05 PM

Agenda:

- Agenda items: Minutes approved from the previous meeting (votes by Swati and Sushmi)
- Executive Board insights on the social committee budget change request (Sushmi)
- Student spending responsibility and accountability discussion (Dr. Kash)
- Treasurer's report on March transactions (Sridhar)
- Update on IRS situation (Sridhar)
- Teacher appreciation week updates (Sushmi)
- mini grants (Dr. Zhang)
- Prom updates (Tinka)
- principal report (Dr. Kash)

Executive Board Insights:

Sushmi presented the executive board's perspective on the social committee budget change request.

Student Spending Responsibility and Accountability:

Dr. Kash emphasized the importance of student spending responsibility and accountability. He requested that students provide detailed information about their spending habits and financial decisions.

Treasurer's Report:

Sridhar provided an update on the treasurer's report for March. The report included information on teacher luncheon expenses, memberships, a tea shirt and spirit wear sale, and a \$1000 donation from the Charitable Foundation of America. The current balance was \$32,000, with approximately \$6,000 in the Capital campaign Account. Charitable Donations will be transferred to CC account this month.

IRS Situation:

Sridhar thanked Sushmi, Swati, and Reagan for their efforts in addressing the IRS situation. Sushmi successfully negotiated a verbal cancellation of the dues. An official letter is pending.

Teacher Appreciation Week Updates:

Sushmi provided updates on the upcoming Teacher Appreciation Week on behalf of Rohini .

Thank you parents for kind donations .

- Monday: Breakfast - Swati
- Tuesday: Plants or Flowers - Anu
- Wednesday: Desserts - Sushmi and Reagan
- Thursday: Lunch - Rohini and Sushmi
- Friday: Smoothies and Samosas - Tinka

Prom: Tinka

Needs parents to assist with ticket sales. Requires additional volunteer support on the day of the prom. Needs chaperones and a few more volunteers to assist with cleanup.

Swati:

Gradfest 04/30: Needs assistance with setup. Michelle will be covering Webster's absence.

Ms. Ramero - Teacher Representative:

Could not attend as she is attending the ECG International Festival.

MINI GRANTS: Dr. Zang

Processed 21 applications.

\$377 remaining

Stuco Updates: No one was present.

Swati: Only 10 responses on the graduation survey. Should we schedule a Connect Ed call?

Dr. Kash: 06:47pm

The International Festival was fantastic. There was trivia, a fashion show, and food.

- excited to have graduation back on campus. I expect a large crowd.

05/18 - Communication to new families sent about year end picnic.

Tuesday Collected Calls: A good practice that will continue next year.

Field Trips: Will continue next year.

Inviting Parents to attend Tuesday Leadership Meetings:

Guilford College Calendar Changes:

- * ECG students will no longer take 3-week classes.

- * Four classes during the fall and spring.

- * The 3-week class is still optional but parents must pay.

- * Seniors will be finished in April but will have a month before the walk.

- * At the leadership meeting, we will discuss the possibility of taking them to Carowinds or the National Whitewater Center in Charlotte.

GCS Graduation Date: Will not be moved to accommodate above change .

Event Fatigue: Has been discussed at interclub meetings due to the number of events.

Limiting Major Events: We are discussing the possibility of limiting major events to two per month, but in a festival format so clubs can host together. This will help with attendance. At one of the events, only 7 students showed up. Some clubs will be closed.

Scholastic Cup: We won the Scholastic Cup again this year.

Inter club meetings: With so many clubs and few teacher sponsors, we asked each club to get three parents to become GCS approved, which we did this year.

Parents Helping Clubs: Amy T. helps a lot with rocketry. Ms. Buck had an emergency and four things had to be canceled. It will be nice to have parents as backup. Continue asking parents. If they are unsure how to proceed, Dr.Kash will be provided guidance.

Capital Campaign:

require a budget between \$65,000 and \$85,000 for the upcoming year. The budget will be utilized to address wall damage, repaint all ceiling . Wants to relaunch starting in August.

The Greater GSO Council of PTSA has not been particularly active this year. We did not receive an invitation for this year's meeting . No invitation from this organization for past three years now . Swati, who is a voting member, should have been contacted.

Dr. Kash require a comprehensive copy of the bylaws. I have been investigating the scope of the social committee and have not been able to locate a copy. Swati will contact the NCPTAs to request a copy again.

On May 17th, Dr. Kash will be out of town but will return in time for the May 18th year-end picnic.

The Rising Junior Parent Night will be held on April 24th.

Swati has been contacted by a couple of parents who inquired about the succession plan in the event that the intern president leaves office. She connected with Julie, who assured her that the interim president, Jean, will remain in office until the college can regain financial stability. Only after this point will a new president be selected.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.