

CGS PTO Meeting – April 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Michele Cuba, Denise Wallace, Jennifer Grigsby, Selina Bautista, Tracy Ramos, Sarah Goldsmith, Elizabeth Utschig, Lori Smith, Kristen Garvie, Mary Alice Adams, Maria Arner, Evette Russett

Secretary's Report: Tracy Ramos – Mary Alice Adams made a motion to accept the March 11, 2019 minutes as written. Tracy Ramos seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Denise Wallace

- Income to date: \$13,823.14
- Expenses to date: \$13,981.82

Director's Report: Jennifer Grigsby

- **CGS Application Process Update**
 - Finalized lists for Spotsylvania, King George & Caroline counties have been collected by the CGS office.
 - Stafford County – waiting on final approval for notification letters – should be sent out to students this week.
- **Presentation**
 - Professional Expectations
 - Engaging Strategies
- Students will have the opportunity to participate in a small group counseling session with Mrs. Sabrina Gladney, CGS school counselor, on mindfulness and techniques to reduce anxiety at each site prior to AP/SOL testing. A signed parent permission form is required for students to participate.
 - Riverbend HS - Monday, April 15 - 10:45-11:10am - Non-Broadcast Room
 - King George HS - Wednesday, April 24 OR Thursday, April 25 - 10:35-11:00am - Room 247
 - Spotsylvania HS - April 29 - 10:23-10:40am for 9th & 10th grade - 10:45-11:06am for 11th & 12th grade
 - Colonial Forge HS - May 1 - 10:45-11:10am - Room 224
 - Stafford HS - May 6 - 10:45-11:05am
 - North Stafford HS - May 15 - 10:45-11:09am - Room 520
- The CGS Summer Work Calendar was approved by all counties through June 2020.
- SOL Testing Plan was updated to rectify requirements for social studies for CGS students.
 - Due to state and federal requirements, the following testing protocol has been updated for all CGS students and will go into effect for freshmen beginning high school during the 2018-2019 school year. Upper-class CGS students will only

take additional examinations needed to meet the graduation requirements of their selected diploma type.

Subject Area	CGS Course	EOC Exam	Time Frame Taken...
Mathematics	Honors Algebra II	Algebra II	Spring of 9 th Grade
Science	AP Biology	Biology	Spring of 10 th Grade
English	Honors English 10	Reading	Spring of 10 th Grade
Social Studies*	<i>See below</i>	<i>See below</i>	<i>See below</i>
English	AP English Language & Composition	Writing	Spring of 11 th Grade

The Social Studies testing requirement will be determined by coursework completed by each student.

- If a student took World History I or World Geography in middle school and passed both the course and EOC exam, they will not take any EOC exams in high school in Social Studies.
- If a student has not taken a credit-bearing history course prior to ninth grade, the student will EITHER take the AP European History test OR the World History II EOC test at the end of AP European History in ninth grade.
 - In order to have the course count as a verified credit, the student must earn a 2 or higher on the AP European History exam or a 400 or higher on the World History II EOC exam.
- If a student has not received a verified credit in Social Studies as a junior by one of the means listed above, the student will EITHER take the AP U.S. History test OR the US/VA History EOC exam.
 - In order to have the course count as a verified credit, the student must earn a 2 or higher on the AP U.S. History exam or a 400 or higher on the US/VA History EOC exam.
 - It may be beneficial for the student to take both examinations to ensure that a verified credit is received and having students take the EOC examination while the content is still fresh.

Old Business:

- **Masquerade Ball** – The Masquerade Ball was a big success. Big thank you to Lori Smith and Elizabeth Utschig and Sarah Goldsmith for their leadership. The photo booth was a

big hit and the traffic flowed well in the parking lot. Both the DJ and photo booth couple complimented the students on their great behavior.

For next year, the Eagles Lodge staff was unprepared for set up. Will need 4 coat racks, more tables, and we ran out of drinks.

- **College Forum** – There was a good turnout, about 75. CGS PTO provided \$25 gift cards to the colleges that participated.
- **Senior Essay Scholarship** – Received 12 applications. The committee is currently evaluating them.
- **Senior Symposium** – Will be held at UMW at 6pm on April 11.

New Business

- **Senior Recognition** – May 19 is Senior Recognition at UMW. Mary Alice will be mailing the invitations soon along with instructions for senior slides (cost is \$10 for the slide). The two women who we have worked with in the past were not part of the decision making to switch venues. Teachers will talk about each student and will have 15 minutes per site.
- **Family Picnic** – Pratt Park on May 31 from 4:30-7
- **T-Shirt Design Contest** –
 - Submissions are due by April 26
 - Voting will take place April 29 – May 10. The will be will announced May 13
- **Budget** – A Discussion took place about next year's budget. It will be voted on at the May meeting.

Committee and/or VP Reports

- **None**

Kudos and Good News

- Sarah Shaefer is 1 of 5 national finalists for the Military Child of the Year - for the United States Army Branch, is 1 of 10 national finalists for the Varsity Brands School Spirit Awards - Student Award and will be going to Japan for 3 weeks this summer with the High School Diplomats (HSD) Japan Program on full scholarship.
- Two CGS students received a perfect score on the AP Government exam and Cole Ramos received a perfect score on the AP Computer Science exam.
- Rebekah Bautista, Eesha Randhawa and Hillary Jean-Bart were selected for Girls State.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54.

The next meeting will be May 13, 2019 at 7 pm.

Prepared by:
Tracy Ramos