



Golden Valley High School

Wm. S. Hart Union High School District
"Home of the Grizzlies"



Parent Advisory Council Association Meeting PAC Meeting – 9/22/14

- Welcome- Sal Frias
- Motion to accept the minutes from last meeting and to amend report to reflect corrections- **Approved**
- Chairperson report- Sue Alterman
- Emily Curtis gave the Treasurer's report. There is a total of \$1379.96 in the PAC. Motion to accept the budget report- **Approved**
- New Parliamentarian Rosa Ainley introduced
- Johannah Fannon gave a presentation about College Planning Experts. There will be a free presentation on October 16th from 6:30-8:00 in the GV Library. Parents will learn about tips they can use to save money on college expenses, how to fill out the FAFSA to maximize the financial help offered to you from schools, and how to strategize to afford to send your student to the college of their choice.
- The Sam's Club membership drive is ongoing. With each new membership or renewal, \$10 goes to the program of your choice. Sam's will also give you a \$20 gift card towards purchases with each membership.
- Kenny Loggins will be performing at Golden Valley on October 21st. Tickets are on sale for \$75 and \$100. This performance benefits the GV Marching Band.
- DAC Report- Colleen Villani: Greg Lee talked about complaint procedures in the Hart District. La Mesa gave a presentation, and Mr. Frias presented information about the programs, announcements and happenings at Golden Valley. WWW.myschoolway.com was presented as a new website for students, and an update was given on the district-wide recycling program.
- English Department Presentation- Robert Evans updated us on implementation of Common Core in the English department and what those changes look like in terms of statewide assessments. These changes will allow students to better learn critical thinking skills and gain the necessary abilities to succeed on the college level.
- Presentation from Sgt. Giannoni about the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship. This \$180K scholarship is open to applicants in the Santa Clarita Valley, and can go towards a college of the student's choice. This scholarship can be used for the student's Freshman year, then in Sophomore year the students must make the decision on whether to enlist in the Naval Reserves. If he or she does, the student can finish school and make the decision on a ground, pilot or law career in the US Marine Corps. This is a tremendous opportunity for students to pursue this path and it presents GV students with a possible option for post-school life. Interested students can speak with Sgt. Giannoni when he is on campus.
- Charles and John from Shmoop gave a presentation on the information and resources for students on the site. This is available to GV students for free, and they can access practice exams for SAT, ACT and AP exams, as well as review guides and drill tools for study. Some GV teachers are using this site as a supplement to their teaching. GV students are encouraged to log on and check out the free resources for help on exams and study help.
- Lesley Day and Loni Pennay presented information about the new PAWS Center. This stands for Parent Awareness Workshop Support, and is open 8am-3pm every day. The center offers help, guidance and resources for any need a family might have. The center also has computer and internet for parents and family to access.

NEXT PAC MEETING IS OCTOBER 27 AT 6:30PM IN THE LIBRARY

Jennifer Ryan, Secretary, Golden Valley PAC

Minutes approved as read corrected

By method of distribution to all attendees.