



November 12, 2025 6:30 PM
Meeting Agenda and Notes

1. Call to order (President) **7:04 PM**
2. Opening prayer (Principal) **(Miriam)**
3. Introductions (President) **Complete**
4. Principal's Report (Principal) Mrs Van Dusen sent in her report (not in attendance due to sick child) **Incredibly proud of the amazing success of Jogathon, played Hungry Hippos with the top earners, this Thursday Madeline will be serving as Principal for the day, our focus will continue to be on safety, physical and internet. If you have any questions please follow up with Mrs. Van Dusen.**
5. Vice President's Report (Vice President) **GAP provided Cider and Donuts for Worlds Teachers' Day in October, Teachers were provided lunch for during Conferences, paper product orders are around 2.5 times larger this year from last year. Due to increase in school size and buying for pre-school. Will be requesting a budget increase of \$500 for this expense during Miriam's report out.**
6. Treasurer's Report (Treasurer) **Current report does not include the check we received for Jog-a-thon today. We raised almost \$40K. We did break a record for what our goal was to bring in.**

One note for the event chairs please try to submit your reimbursements within two weeks of your event.

★ Request for an increase for paper products of \$500 for the remainder of the year.

- Christie Cooke motioned to vote, Jason, seconded. Motion approved.

- Mrs. Lydia Ellis offered to help negotiate pricing to reduce costs for school-Cristin to followup and connect her with Mrs. Van Dusen.

Miriam reminded the group some of our events are fundraisers, some are social and we expect those events to have a cost attached to them.

7. Event Committee Reports (President)

- **Fall Family Bingo (9/19) (Rhonda Glasgow/Sheila Delo)** Rhonda- event went well, we switched things around a bit (food and prizes). We will need to rethink prizes/gift cards. Most showed up (168/180 registered)

Bagels before the Bell (9/25 and 9/26) (Tanya Gasso/Emily Hoang) Event went well, probably will do 1 day instead of 2 days, we went over budget but Tanya donated, good for our first time.

- **Jog-a-Thon (10/3) (Asia Viers/Cindy O'Brien)** Exceeded our goal by 13K, and had 6K in sponsorships. We had a DJ this year and that was a fun add. (Encounter Event Services)
- **Mom-2-Mom Sale (10/18) (Mandy Starski/Tammy Schick)** Did not sell out, it was light on sellers and shoppers possibly because it was later in the year. Exceeded our target for fundraiser. Considering moving to the spring and need more signage for advertising.
- **Trunk or Treat (10/24) (Heather Hoff/Lena Hermiz/Rachael Miller)** Successful event, food trucks were new and that was well received, donations for candy worked out well and were able to share that with St. Nicholas day and All Saints Day Party. Plan to do food trucks and utilize the gym again.
- **All Saints Day party (11/1) (Dorothy Ursaki/Lauren Bukowski)** Largest event, 160 RSVP, we capped the event, then only had 120 attendees. We could have accommodated a few more families. We are going to do things a little different next year for advertising. Had pizza, salad and pasta salad.
 - ★ Recommendation from parent: priority for 7th grade parents for next year's event.
- **All School Skate Party (11/7) (Kim Kohatsu/Rlan Landingin)** Went well, this is our 2nd event. We had 104 people attend. It was a smaller event, (last time we had 176 people at the event). We think it is due to the 4 day weekend. We didn't receive any complaints so that was good.
 - ★ Suggestion to send photos to Mrs. Silvasi for year book.
- **GAP Pizza Lunch(11/25) (Veronica Reilly/Jenny Krysiak)** We are going to split the lunch this year k-3 for 11:30 - noon and then rest for the noon-12:30. If you are new to the school the day before Thanksgiving break we provide a pizza lunch. On track for budget. Preschool is included in the event, but they will eat in their classrooms.
 - ★ A reminder that if you are signed up to volunteer for an event you need to complete the assignment that you are given. You may or may not be assigned where you "want" to be. We are getting the pizza from Hungry Howies.
- **Giving Tuesday Campaign (12/2) (Miram Gomez)**
- **Santa's Secret Shop (12/1-12/5) (Devyn Chandler/Sarah Lim)** We are going back to our local supplier for the shop. If we run out of bigger items, they will come and restock for us. The teachers are signing up for their time slots. The flyers will go home just before Thanksgiving. The vendor is getting our order ready. They take back unsold merchandise. We requested they keep everything under \$15. We switched back to a local business as the previous chairs purchased everything off of Amazon, Temu etc. and they ate a lot of the cost. It was also labor intensive and not sustainable. This way we are supporting a local business as well and there is no risk for sunk costs.
 - ★ Anne Haase inquired if they don't want change back could they indicate that on the envelope and make it a donation. Devyn will look at the envelopes and see if we can add that option.

★ Ann Bush suggested we use the extra change donations towards teacher tickets for the auction (great idea!)

- **St. Nicholas Day (12/5) (Emily Hoang/Veronica Korkis)** We were able to buy everything under budget due to the candy donation (left overs from Trunk or Treat & All Saints Day Party). We are making 500 bags for the kids.
- **PreK Cookies after Caroling (12/19)** Nikki Case is cochairing - this is a new event, we are looking for a co-chair. Co-chairing an event covers your required 10 hours of volunteering.
- **Winter Family BINGO (1/23) (Rhonda Glasgow/Sheila Delo)** We might not do gift cards, it was a little chaotic, food might be chili dogs and Sheila is scouring for prizes.
- **Restaurant Fundraiser (Karen Hathaway)** 11.19.2025 City BBQ we will get 20% mention GA.
- **Used Uniform (Nicole Burley)** No report, check with Mrs. V if you need access to the closet. GAP accepts used uniforms to sell - please turn into the office.
- **Spirit Wear (Maryann Weitzel)** Promotions are in Keeping Connected. Spiritwear hoodies are allowed on Fridays with uniform bottoms.
- **RaiseRight (Tonya Manion/Rossana Barraco)** We are having a record year - for the year \$4,200. There will be Raise Days the weeks of November 13th and 14th and November 20th and 21st. There will be an app only preview on November 12th. In addition, we will not have any orders the weeks of November 24th, December 22nd and December 29th due to a short week or school closure. If you would like to enroll or have any questions, please email us at scrip@gaschool.com
- **1st Day School Supplies (Kristen O'Neill)** Christie Cook is taking over as chair. No Report.

8. **Auction (President)** Early bird pricing is available right now, we are in dire need of large items for our live auction and raffle. We are looking for time share/events/electronics. Your teacher should have sent you an email that we are doing a collection.

★ This year our teacher tickets are not covered, we don't have a sponsor so we are working on ways to secure funding through the Golden Ticket raffle. For \$10 you can get a chance to win a Golden Ticket.

You can buy tickets for the Golden Ticket raffle even if you aren't able to attend the auction:

<https://cbo.io/app/public/bidapp/childreninbloom>

We will accept any value items for the raffle

★ Lena Hermiz has season tickets for next year, please reach out to Cristin Joy or Ann Bush

How much are the tickets? \$75/pp it will increase to \$85/pp after Jan 31. If you purchase a full table you get 10 leis which are entry into heads and tails. We are looking for 200 people to attend the event. The theme is aloha auction. Anyone can attend.

Kim brought up doing something at the school (like Hawaiian day for the kids at the school) to help with advertising and to get families excited about the event.

★ **Last call for a Auction Chair Shadow, if we don't get one we don't have a volunteer, the school will need to anticipate not having an auction next year - need a volunteer (s) by Thanksgiving.**

9. New business (President)

- Addition to Bylaws - Volunteering Update

Reviewed proposed changes to bylaws to address the desire for families who want to donate hours to other families.

Cristin shared we are looking a new software that connects into FACTS to track hours.

Dorothy Ursaki, motion to approve updated Bylaws

Katie 2nded

Motion passed

10. Open Forum

- Lena mentioned the fundraiser at Zap Zone last month, and that and we could do it again. They are willing to do it again. Will check for 2/9 as another option..
- Mandy - Will we have child care for GAP Meetings? We could do volunteer hours if we can find someone?
- Dorothy - 11/19 in the Solanus Casey room, 8:00 AM, the Mom's Group will be meeting.
- Katie - Who is in charge of the Salmon Project? Mrs. Brown
- Mandy - asked if people have already fulfilled their hours to hold off signing up so those that haven't can get spots.
- Cristin- Participation for the 12/24 Nativity Mass sign up is in Keeping Connected, 4:45 -5:45 Wednesday rehearsals for Christmas Eve Mass. If they can't attend rehearsals they could have another role.

11. Adjournment 8:12 PM

Save the Date: January 14, 2026 7 PM next GAP meeting (GA Cafeteria)

Attendees:

Brynn Wellman
Mandy Starski
Pam Hurst
Laura Sullivan
Meg Zurbo
Candice Beckwith
Lena Hermiz
Ann Bush
Rhonda Glasgow
Jason Roche
R Landingin
Emily Houg
Kim Kohatsu
Patrick Magally
Reese Jajou
Ann Hasse
Devyn Chandler
Cristin Joy
Lauren Bukowski
Kristine Dunn
Dorothy Ursaki
Christie Cook
Jeremy Dunas
Kim Blauvelt
Courtney Kriener
Miriam Gomez
Lea Wojecechowski Ross
Jenny Erdmann
Rachel Miller