



March 11, 2026 7:00 PM

Meeting Agenda and Notes

1. Call to order (President) **7:03 PM**
2. Opening prayer (Principal)/Prayer Intentions (All) **Mrs. Van Dusen** also shared gratitude to the GAP board for the **Auction on Saturday**
3. Introductions (President) **GAP board went through introductions**
4. Principal's Report (Principal) **For the auction, paddle up funds were really going for furniture for the academy so that they no longer have desks that are connected to their chairs, and new furniture would give more flexibility. If there is extra funds available, we will look at 5th grade furniture. There were a lot of new teacher experiences and it was a very exciting feeling from the teachers for their items to receive such positive feedback. There was a nice community feel and hope that continues to permeate into the hallways. Mrs. VanDusen spent the day on a field trip with the academy, and she was able to have a prayer session with them. It was a good moment and she was able to express to them that this is a feeling that we want to bring to GA all the time.**

Question/Answer about preschool changes: Preschool is changing (moving to 4 classrooms from 5), there will be a Jr. Kindergarten next year (4½ years) (at the preschool rate). There will be teacher moves for next year as well. More to come.

5. Vice President's Report (Vice President) **No real changes since last meeting, still doing paper products and birthday cards, the next big thing we are working towards is Teacher Appreciation week in May**
6. Treasurer's Report (Treasurer) **Printed the incorrect budget, but will send an updated report with notes. We are still wrapping up final numbers from the auction, but pleased to announce that we have income over 72K and will likely land north of 50, which is ahead of our budgeted amount of 40K.**

Mrs Brown did notify us that we may need to consider a budget item for the Salmon project for ongoing maintenance of the program, which we will bring to May's meeting to include in the 2026/27 school year budget - it will be voted on then.

For this year's salmon release, there is a request to add \$300 to support the plan.

Vote to add \$300 for Mrs. Brown: Dorothy motioned and Kerry seconded, Motion approved by vote

7. Event Committee Reports (President)
 - **Parent/Son Event (Date TBD) (Kristina Valentine/Tashunna Booker) Save the day for 5/16**
 - **Spring All School Skate Party (3/27) Tickets are on sale, \$5 for pre-sale, \$7 at the door**
 - **Daddy/Daughter Dance (4/18) (Julie Kane/Kristen O'Neill) The ticket link went out today, we did reduce pricing based on last year's feedback. It is now \$30 per couple and \$5 per extra girl. Realistically we will not offer to the parish this year since our school is growing and the capacity will cap out. There was a comment from Flora Jarbo about raising the price for the event and keeping it higher. The board reminded the group that this is a social event**

intended for community building for the school and not a fundraiser and therefore we want to keep costs as low as possible so families can participate.

- **School Raffle (Mike Kardasz)** No report, you should be expecting tickets soon and will run in May. It will run like last year and be a daily raffle, this is a required event for PreK-8 families, per contract.
- **First Communion Reception (Miriam Gomez)** We have reached out to the families, we have started planning, it is 1 hour after Mass (4/29) the kids are welcome to come in their communion outfits. The event will be held in the gym and light refreshments, fruit, cheese, cake will be served to celebrate. After, students will change into normal uniform and continue on with their school day. 2 guests per communicant.
- **Field Day (6/1) (Kristina Valentine/Lena Hermiz)** The group had their first meeting, doing shirts again this year, lunch, games, water stuff, inflatables. More to come.
- **Restaurant Fundraiser (Karen Hathaway)** No report (Inquiry with Miriam if she has seen \$\$ from City BBQ), stay tuned for one more before the end of the school year.
- **Used Uniform (Nicole Burley)** See the office to donate uniforms or shop the used uniform closet.
- **Spirit Wear (Maryann Weitzel)** We made \$30 this quarter, there is a flyer for this month, can we ask about car decals.

Mrs. Van Dusen did share that she is considering a spiritwear sweatshirt/hoodies on gym days. We could look into doing a promotion for families.

Asia Viers asked - Could we consider getting some inventory to sell in the fall, such as an on-site school store? We could have families vote on the most popular styles to offer.

Flora Jarbo shared that other schools offer this type of service.

Heather brought up an idea to give NUT cards for kids wearing their GA gear out on the weekends

Maryann will look into options and the possibility of running a promo at the beginning of the school year for families to acquire sweatshirts/hoodies for gym days.

- **RaiseRight (Tonya Manion/Rossana Barraco)** For Feb/Mar we made \$1324 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 Cooke)** Have been putting together the lists with the teachers. This is not a requirement or fundraiser, just a service GAP provides as a convenience. You will be getting an email for it soon.

8. **Auction 3/7/26 (President)** A great weekend, a lot of fun, a very smooth event, we had polynesian dancers, good feedback on the venue, we are quite happy and pleased. Cristin shared a special thank you to Ann Bush, Kaye Chervenak, Nikki Wallace, Katherine Wells, Ann Haase, Jen Killian, Michele Colosi, Angelina Villerot, Katie Vanneste, Danielle Fernandez, Rakhi McCormick, Reeve Jajou, and Rachel McCabe.

We don't have a chair for next year, but the GAP board is discussing options for next year.

Flora Jarbo commented on the need for donations from all families and to acquire a list of businesses that our GA families are associated with to request donations from. Cristin will send out a link so families can self-identify their business if they choose to in support of future fundraising efforts. Flora went on to say other schools raise significantly more money. There was a discussion about GA's demographics and our priority of community and education.

9. New business (President)

- Elections - Candidate Slate Review:
 - President: Lauren Bukowski
 - Vice President: Dorothy Ursaki
 - Treasurer: Rachel McCabe
 - Secretary: Kris Dunn, Jennifer DeLong withdrew from the candidate slate
- Each candidate shared their background and desire to serve the community, elections will be in May.
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Building Bridges Scholarship 8th graders going to Foley in the fall can submit their essay on why catholic education is important. Due April 13, winners announced on May 1.

10. Open Forum 8th grade end of year festivities team, proposing separating the teacher luncheon, student lunch and graduation party

Motion by MaryAnn to separate line items associated with 8th grade graduation celebrations (\$500 Student Lunch, \$500 Teacher Lunch, \$1500 for Grad party)

Seconded by Dorothy Ursaki

Motion approved by vote

Plan to add a \$2 dress down day to raise additional funds. We do have the funds to support this year.

There was additional discussion about the future of the auction, there is not currently a chair identified and the newly elected board will need to discuss and decide if they want to chair it again or solicit for chairs or plan something different. We will need a chair by the end of the month or the budget for next year will be set without it.

Question for Renee to consider for the next Back to School Picnic - In the past, gift bags were sold at the Back to School Picnic, and these bags were filled with GA swag, NUT cards, etc. Could we sell 'paper bags' at the back to school picnic again as a small fundraiser?

Conversation about the kitchen upgrades being a target for future fundraising efforts. We currently need to do any kitchen upgrades through Chartwell as part of the AOD requirements to continue to use their services. Mrs. Van Dusen will get a proposal to understand costs and phases in which the work could be completed.

Flora Jarbo brought up Recess and Lunch concerns - Her son doesn't like to eat cold food and she thinks there should be 2 parents per table and make it part of service hours. She stated it should be allowed that food can be

warmed up. She expressed her opinion that we shouldn't be paying for lunch or recess monitors and that each parent should be required to volunteer during lunch and recess.

Flora further expressed her displeasure with the parking lot situation and that there should be gates in the lot in lieu of parking cones.

Kris Dunn, GAP Secretary informed Flora this was not the forum for those types of issues and it should be addressed directly with Mrs. Van Dusen .

Miriam suggested Mrs. VanDusen host a separate conversation with parents to handle such conversations.

Mrs. Van Dusen reminded the group this is what the SAC board will help accomplish. Applications are currently open for SAC and should be returned by the end of the month. There will be a survey to help understand parent concerns at the front end of the board's formation to help provide direction on where to put attention first.

Renee inquired when Corn Hole will be held and if a spring event could be considered. Lauren indicated that the plan that yes, Corn Hole is planned for the fall, and that a spring event is being discussed - more details to come.

11. Adjournment Cristin reminded the group if there are any events you want to chair or special budget requests/information please provide it ahead of our May meeting along with a reminder that our final meeting starts at 6:30 PM rather than 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Save the Date: May 20, 2026 6:30 PM next GAP meeting (GA Cafeteria)

Attendees:

Cristin Joy
Lauren Bukowski
Miriam Gomez
Kristine Dunn
Jason Roche
Flora Jarbo
Patrick Megally
Lena Hermiz
Ricardo Landigan
Asia Viers
Elizabeth Hill
Kathryn Siykhhouse

Kerry Johnson
Molly Van Dusen
MaryAnn Weitzel
Renee Boyd
Nicole Kanina
Jenny Erdmann
Jerry Widman
Donna Widman
Ann Haase
Brynn Wellman
Bianca Vidican
Emily Hoang

Kim Kohatsu
Tanya Manion
Dorothy Ursaki
Heather Gappi
Sally Yousif
Cheryl McClintock
Reeva Jajou
Courtney Kreiner
Pam Hurst
Lisa Martell
Kim Blauvelt