



**DRAFT: Meeting Minutes of the PTO
August 26, 2019**

Call to Order, Welcome and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairs April Mbida and Becky Andersen, who welcomed all members to the August 26, 2019 meeting. Input from our active and diverse PTO is critical to the continuous improvement and advancement of its mission. Please email the PTO at goldapto@gmail.com with any comments, concerns, questions and suggestions you may have as we all work together to grow and improve the Golda Community.

Members reviewed the minutes of the April 22, 2019 PTO meeting and approved them as distributed. All PTO meeting minutes are posted on the Golda website under the Parents tab.

PTO secured a new corresponding secretary for the 2019-2020 school year, Jenner Dye, who will get the PTO newsletter back up and running. PTO also secured a new recording secretary, Rachel Scalise, who will keep monthly meeting notes for the 2019-2020 school year.

Treasurer's Report

PTO Treasurer Heather Hildeman reported on the current PTO balance as of August 25, 2019 was \$1,722.52 . Past month expenditures included \$528.30 for the Back to School Picnic.

Golda teachers and staff are reminded that requests for funding of classroom supplies, project expenses, etc can be placed with the PTO. Please contact GoldaPTO@gmail.com with any questions regarding the PTO Funding Request process, and see the "Parents" tab on the Golda website for the funding request form.

Principal's Report

Principal Carter announced that the current student census, as of 8/25/19 was 1,202, which exceeded the enrollment goal for the 2019-2020 school year.

Ms. Carter welcomed and introduced all new staff in attendance of today's meeting, and attributed Golda's ongoing success to the collaboration between Golda parents and staff. Ms. Carter also notes the importance of continuing to develop student teachers at Golda.

Ms. Carter also provides a historical overview of Golda's long-term goals to aid in the holistic development of students in grades 3 through 12 and help prepare them for entrance into a 4 year college program, to become successful, well-rounded global citizens.

Parent Coordinator's Report

Parent Coordinator, Liza Cohen, encouraged parents to sign up for Golda Giving Hours, which volunteer time contributions that are needed from all parents on a minimal level. Some parents signed up for Golda Giving Hours already at the Back to School Picnic on 8/17/19.

Ms. Cohen informed all present of Golda's primary modes of communicating regarding school events/activities via the Remind app, online school calendar, and auto dial phone messages. Ms. Cohen also encouraged all parents to contact her directly with suggestions for new ideas and current initiatives at Golda.

High School Development and Recruitment

Dr. Nelson provided high school updates:

- High school census is nearly full at roughly 150 students per class currently.
- The graduating class of 2019 earned \$12,000,000 in scholarship offerings.
- 2019 alumni, Jeremiah Walker, set a new MPS record for most scholarship dollars earned (over \$1,000,000).
- The 2019 graduating class had Golda's first 2 students earn their AP diplomas, and their are currently 10 candidates for the 2020 AP diploma.
- Of 357 AP exams given during the 2019 school year, 296 were passed. This is a great improvement from the 2018 school year, in which 104 exams were passed (20% of those exams taken).
- In the 2019 school year, students earned 224 college credits through AP programming, which is a large increase from the 137 college credit total from the 2018 school year.
- The focus for all teaching staff this year is preparation for ACT testing. High school students will receive ACT prep on a regularly scheduled basis during their advisory class period.
- Golda currently offers 18 AP courses.
- The Schuler Foundation will move into our building next month. The focus of this program is to help students who may not otherwise have the opportunity, to gain entrance into Ivy League and private liberal arts colleges. This program will present information at an upcoming meeting.

3rd Grade Directory

Directory interest forms are being distributed to 3rd grade students. Stephanie Dugan will compile submissions in the coming weeks and create copies of the directory thereafter for distribution.

Green Team

Ms. Gleason highlighted that significant fundraising efforts are needed this year for the Golda playground redevelopment project. The project goal is to raise funds needed for the project bid by January 1, 2020. Ms. Gleason notes that many parents signed up at the Back to School Picnic on 8/17/19 to assist with fundraising efforts. There will be a fundraising meeting on 9/18/19 at 3:00 -4:15 p.m. at Reflow, and students, staff and parents are encouraged to attend.

Ms. Gleason termed this school year as the "year of water". She is encouraging all teachers to incorporate water into their curriculum. Ms. Gleason mentioned specifically the need for assistance in creating a garden near the lower campus and complete murals that show support and protection of the water system. Students interested in working on the mural project should contact Ms. Palmer, who will be sending out further information in the future.

PAGE/SENG

Jean Freund provides information regarding a PAGE session, Cultivating Success in Gifted Children, at Waukesha South H.S. on 9/25/19 at 6:00 p.m.

Golda Global Gathering: The 3rd annual fundraising and adult social event will be held on September 27, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Stubby's Gastrogrub & Beer Bar. Tickets are \$15 per person, which includes a pint of beer or a non-alcoholic beverage and nacho bar. Dress is casual.

Donation items are still needed for the silent auction. Please contact Stephanie Dugan, Becky Andersen, or Liza Cohen regarding donations or for ticket sales.

Each Golda staff member will be provided with a ticket for this event, to encourage high staff attendance. If desired, parents are able to purchase a ticket for any staff member.

Back to School Picnic: 677 families and 947 total individuals attended this event on August 17, 2019. This count included 259 middle school families. All who attended and volunteers were appreciated for making this yet another successful event.

Communication:

Ms. Cohen encourages all parents to download the Remind app and join individual student classes to remain updated on activities, assignments, and any other important communication.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 23 & 24, 2019.

District Advisory Council Representative, April Mbida, will convey concerns regarding excessive MPS communication via auto dial during the next DAC meeting.

Fund Requests: No funding requests were made at this month's meeting.

Co-Chairs April Mbida and Becky Andersen thanked those in attendance for the contributions through the year, and ask that everyone please send ideas for next year.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the upper campus library, immediately preceding the SEC meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
(April Mbida, proxy)

Rachel Scalise
PTO Recording Secretary