



GLENBROOK  
NORTH  
PARENTS'  
ASSOCIATION

## Glenbrook North Parents' Association Meeting Minutes December 18, 2019

Present: Dr. John Finan, Betsy Sharpe, Jane Ciancanelli, Stacy Seiden, Susie D'Orzai, Joy Axelson, Jenny Jordan, Amy Olson, Nancy Artz, Alar Sambardam, Susan Schueler, Audra Casey, Erin Cooper and Kristin Ihrke.

- I. Call to Order / Welcome
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 6:59 P.M. by Betsy Sharpe.
  
- II. Guest Speaker
  - a. Jenny Jordan, GBN Associate Dean:
    - i. Dean Jordan spoke about vaping.
    - ii. Dean Jordan showed a number of different "vapes." Vaping has been a problem at GBN for a few years.
    - iii. There has been an increased number of vapes found to contain THC. GBN is concerned with the new laws going into effect regulating the sale of THC.
    - iv. All CSL schools have been dealing with vaping. Staff at GBN go in and out of bathrooms on a regular basis, trying to control vaping.
    - v. Vaping is a code of conduct violation.
    - vi. There will be a SAP program on February 5, 2020 about vaping. Great opportunity to ask questions and find out more.
  
- III. School Report
  - a. Dr. Finan will be leaving the principal position as of June 30, 2020. Will be teaching Spanish at GBN, while assuming district administrative responsibilities overseeing summer school and the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy.
  - b. Dr. Finan reported the following upcoming dates:
    - i. January 8 Concerto Competition - 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the CPA
    - ii. January 13 Final regular school day of the first semester
    - iii. January 3 Grad Night Meeting - 7:30 p.m., Green & Gold Conference Room
    - iv. January 14 -January 16 - FINAL EXAMS
    - v. January 14 Choir Theatre Patrons Organization Meeting - 6:00 p.m. in the Green & Gold Conference Room
    - vi. January 15 Parents' Association Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Spartan Conference Room
    - vii. January 16 Incoming Freshman Curriculum Night - 6:30 p.m. in the CPA
    - viii. January 17 NO SCHOOL - Glenbrook Institute Day

ix. January 20 - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day

IV. Business Meeting

- a. Chairperson -
  - i. The GBN PA congratulated Dr. Finan on his new position.
  - ii. At our next meeting we will have a "field trip" to the Career and Technical area of the building during our next meeting.
- b. Membership - District made membership deposit. Total of 462 members. Budget will eventually have to be reduced, if membership rates do not go back up.
- c. Communications - The sign that will accompany the Distinguished Teacher Award display is progressing. Should be installed early next year. In January the graduation ads for the Torch and the Yearbook will be secured.
- d. Secretary - A quorum was present. The November minutes were approved.
- e. Treasurer - Deposit was made.

V. P.A. Committees

- a. Distinguished Teacher - No Report.
- b. Spartan Spirit - No Report.
- c. Paul Pryma Award - No Report.
- d. Grad Night -No Report.
- e. Staff Appreciation - \$25 Dunkin Donuts gift cards were distributed to parking staff and Officer Seiler.
  - i. May 6<sup>th</sup> is GBN teacher appreciation.

VI. GBN Standing Committees

- a. All School Workshops - Just held first one of the year, another will be held in the spring. If you are interested in shaping this event, please contact Betsy Sharpe.
- b. Curriculum - Please let Betsy know if you are interested.
- c. Safety - Currently working on transitioning to all E-locks at both schools. A mobile app interface is in the works to better communicate with students and parents in the event of an emergency. Active assailant training for staff will be held on January 17, 2020. All required emergency drills were completed this fall. GBN has a Behavior Threat Assessment Team in place and parents are encouraged to contact Eric Etherton, if they are concerned that a student may harm themselves or others.
- d. Glenbrook Foundation - No Report.
- e. Global Awareness - International Education night will be held February 22, 2020. Trying to improve day by having speakers the students know.
- f. Members at Large
  - i. District 28 - Erin Cooper spoke about the 5 essentials survey. Survey asks parents how they want to receive information and how it is sent. Erin also spoke about the Village Youth Commission presentation that was held at the library regarding the college process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Ihrke

Recording Secretary

Next meeting January 15, 2020