



Parents' Association Meeting  
December 7, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.  
GBN Green and Gold Conference Room

Attendance: Mindi Rench, Jeannie Chang, Roopal Thakker, Traci Parks, Leena Ramachandra, Claire Bernstein, Debbie Jutzi, Elisa Mitchell, David Mitchell, Decima Panitch, Anne Lumby, Jennifer Bruns, Eric Chua, Chris Uhlig, Leslie Resis, Ifaat Basse, Steve Basse, Audrey LeCavaleir, Jenny Jiang, Beth Congbalay, Olga Sherman, Carol Currie, Susie D'Orazi, Alison Whitlock

- I. Call to Order/Welcome
  - a. Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M.
- II. Guest Speaker: Dr. David Boyle, GBN College Coordinator (see handout for details)
  - a. 97% of the class of 2016 were college bound
  - b. Many students are going out of state
  - c. College Colloquium
    - i. Saturday, March 4, 2017 10:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
    - ii. Several speakers from colleges presenting on a variety of topics related to the college search process. This is a new addition to the "Finding the Fit" program for juniors.
  - d. College Fair April 6, 2017, at GBN
  - e. The Financial Aid program listed on the GBN calendar will not be held. Instead, the presentation on Financial Aid will be part of the College Colloquium on March 4, 2017.
  - f. SAT: Juniors will take as the mandated state assessment on April 5.
    - i. The district is still working through whether or not these scores will go on student transcripts, and if so, when. Much will depend on talks with the State Board.
    - ii. D225 is also trying to ascertain the language of the law regarding which of the SAT tests are required, specifically whether writing is required.
    - iii. PSAT 10: Sophomores will take this on the same day that juniors take the SAT. Has nothing to do with college admission; it's a practice for the SAT.

- g. Answers to questions:
    - i. About 2/3 of last year's seniors said in an exit survey that they did some sort of test prep, mostly for ACT.
    - ii. To compare ACT/SAT scores, Google it.
    - iii. Subject tests on the SAT:
      - 1. Some colleges still require these subject tests. The high school suggests students to wait until after they take those classes to take the SAT 2, and only after they know whether or not a school they are applying to require the tests.
- III. School Report: Dr. Finan
- a. Dr. Finan thanked volunteers for working the EKG testing.
  - b. Food drive was successful. Met the 32,000 point goal.
  - c. GBN athletics continue to be successful!
    - i. Seven conference championships at the Varsity level.
    - ii. Winter sports are underway.
  - d. ComedySportz is this week.
  - e. Winter Showcase Art exhibit on December 15 in the library
  - f. Winter Concert December 15 at 7:30 P.M. in the CPA.
  - g. December 22 is the last day of school before Winter Break. We return on January 9, 2017.
  - h. Finals are January 17, 18, 19.
  - i. The calendar for 2017-2018 is set. We will not be starting school earlier to get finals in before Winter Break. However, discussion about that will continue this year, with focus groups, etc.
  - j. There is also discussion about going from 40-40-20 weighting of semester grades to 80-20.
- IV. New Business:
- a. Baking for community week - Feb 27 - March 3, 2017
- V. Business Meeting
- a. Executive Board Reports
    - i. Chairperson (Carol Currie)
      - 1. Carol bought a domain for us: [www.GBNPA.org](http://www.GBNPA.org). There's nothing there yet, but there will be!
      - 2. Nominating Committee: It's time to start thinking about officers for next year. If you're interested or know someone who might be interested, let Carol know. The nominating committee will be formed in January.
    - ii. Membership (Audra Casey):
      - 1. Nothing new to report
      - 2. We have close to 600 members
      - 3. We still have calendars available!

- iii. Communications (Beth Congbalay):
    - 1. No report
    - 2. "Like" our Facebook page
  - iv. Secretary (Mindi Rench):
    - 1. October minutes presented for approval
    - 2. Beth Congbalay moved to approve
    - 3. Debbie Jutzi seconded
    - 4. Vote was unanimous to approve the October minutes
  - v. Treasurer (Susie D'Orazi)
    - 1. Financial Report
      - a. See financial report for details
- b. P.A. Committees
- i. Distinguished Teacher (Alison Whitlock and Robin Bear)
    - 1. No report.
  - ii. Grad Night: (Debbie Jutzi)
    - 1. There's still time to volunteer at [www.GBNgradnight.com](http://www.GBNgradnight.com)
    - 2. November Grad Night meeting cancelled and changed to January 18 at 7:30 P.M. in the Green & Gold conference room.
      - a. Still looking for people for decorations committee and hall chair (with help)
  - iii. Spartan Spirit Award (Laurie Shults and Traci Parks)
    - 1. No report
  - iv. Staff Appreciation (Marisa Boffa, Margaret Grouzard, & Sunny Kim)
    - 1. No report
- c. GBN Standing Committees
- i. All School Workshops (Decima Panitch)
    - 1. There was a meeting today and students gave feedback about the November workshop.
    - 2. The Spring Workshop is "Spartan Connect." There will be 100 different sessions!
  - ii. Curriculum (Leena Ramachandra, Abby Lasky, Elisa Mitchell)
    - 1. Surveys have gone out about homework.
    - 2. Classes are being added and some classes are being dropped.
      - a. An advanced AP computer science is being added.
  - iii. Dean's Advisory (Traci Parks and Anni Goldberg)
    - 1. Things being discussed: Senate Bill 100 regarding suspension of students; drug use & why drug sniffing

dogs do not work; a teacher brought up the gate issue in the parking lot; parking during winter; food leaving the cafeteria and the problem it causes (allergy issues and rodents).

iv. Glenbrook Foundation (Kristine Schandner)

1. [www.Glenbrookfoundation.org](http://www.Glenbrookfoundation.org)

v. Members at Large

1. District 27 (Lorna Cohen)

2. District 28 (Susan Schueler)

3. District 30 (Sarah Sanford)

a. District 30 wants to rebuild Maple. There is a meeting tomorrow night about a referendum.

4. District 31 (Leslie Resis)

d. Good of the order:

i. Parents at the elementary districts received an alert about a stranger danger incident. Why don't we get alerts from the high school as well?

ii. Screenagers played at GBS this fall. Attendance was great. A Parents' Association member asked if this something that perhaps we should do here at GBN as well.

VI. Adjournment: 8:36 P.M.