



GLENBROOK
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Glenbrook North Parents' Association

Meeting Minutes – November 1, 2017

Attendance: Dr. David Boyle, Dr. John Finan, Greta Satek, Carol Currie, Greta Satek, Charlotte Stern, Decima Panitch, Olga Rozenbaum, Lila Elman, Mindi Rench, Julie Walden, Laurie Morrison, Dan Morrison, Becky Lee, Stacy Seiden, Lorna Cohen, Jeannie Chang, Christy Bauer, Katie Trout, Chris Uhlig, Brad Uhlig, Susie D'Orazi, Jason Casey, Okhee Choi, Kate Ricaurte, Ghital Pandit, CJ Bauer, Traci Parks, Michael Shermer, Audra Casey

- I. Call to order/ Welcome: Chairperson Greta Satek called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.
- II. Guest Speaker: Dr. David Boyle, Coordinator of College Counseling
 - A. November 1 is like tax day in the college counseling world!
 - B. Class of 2017 was as strong as previous years
 1. 98% of the students are attending college
 2. Applied to over 400 schools, averaging 6.4 applications per student
 - a) Common application is a consortium of 700 schools.
 - b) Coalition application is a smaller group, another opportunity for students to apply to schools
 3. GBN grads are attending 138 different campuses.
 - a) 52 public institutions outside Illinois have GBN grads; more because of the financial packages offered by out of state schools than the Illinois budget issues.
 4. Not all kids want to go to college or are ready.
 - C. Colleges come to visit GBN in the fall (roughly 175 this year).
 1. 18 newer schools visited GBN this year.
 2. Many of the schools have representatives permanently stationed in the Chicago area (about 90)
 - D. So far for this year:
 1. Over 3,000 materials have been sent out for college applications
 2. Approximately 1,800 letters of recommendation have been submitted for
 - a) 303 students, by
 - b) 111 teachers
 3. 52 Early Decision Applicants
 - E. Juniors:
 1. Finding the Fit starts in two weeks
 - a) A couple of different nights over the 18 month program.

- b) The goal is for students to really consider what KIND of school is going to be the right fit for them.
- c) You don't have to go to the Finding the Fit; Who Am I? Intro evening that your child's counselor is attending.
 - (1) November 15 and 16
- d) Finding the Fit follow up will be during the school day and for students only
 - (1) Kids will be taken out of classes (their 2-3 block) to do this follow-up.
- 2. College Colloquium: Saturday, March 3, 2018 (3 day weekend)
 - a) D225 brings in guest speakers to talk about different characteristics
 - b) A question was asked if the presentations will be video recorded and available online somehow. The answer is no.
- 3. College Fair at GBN: April 12, 2018, 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.
- F. A parent asked who to listen to: the GBN counseling department or the rest of the world who tells us different things about when to do test prep or when to test or when to start college visits. Dr. Boyle said to listen to the counselors at GBN.
- G. The State of Illinois requires all juniors to take the SAT as the College & Career Readiness test (April 10, 2018)
 - 1. Free SAT test prep through Khan Academy
 - 2. The SAT score does not go on the transcript.

III. School Report: Dr. Finan

- A. Many great activities have been going on this fall in the performing arts department, including the production of *The Good Doctor*, Cider and Song Concert, Just Strings Concert, etc.
- B. This year is the inaugural International Night. Food, a keynote speaker, and exhibits will make up the evening.
 - 1. Trips coming in 18-19: a trip to France is being planned, also a Taiwanese exchange program; there's also a trip to Argentina being planned. The science department is running a Galapagos Islands/Ecuador trip this summer (might be full).
 - 2. Representatives from gap year programs will also be present.
- C. Fall Sports Awards is November 9
- D. Winter Sports Jamboree is November 10
- E. Jr. High Choral Festival is November 14.
- F. Finding the Fit: November 15-16
- G. All School Workshops is on November 16
- H. GSO Concert is November 19 (at South)

IV. New Business: none

V. Business Meeting

- A. Executive Board Reports
 - 1. Chairperson: nothing
 - 2. Membership (Audra Casey, Katie Trout)
 - a) 592 members
 - 3. Communications (Carol Currie) nothing
 - 4. Secretary (Mindi Rench) Minutes presented. Carol moved to approve. Lorna Cohen seconded. Minutes were approved
 - 5. Treasurer (Susie D'Orazi)
 - a) Financial Report

b) 2017-2018 Budget Vote: Carol moved to approve, Katie Trout seconded; budget passed

B. PA Committees

1. Distinguished Teacher (Alison Whitlock and Susan Schueler)
 - a) Nothing to report
2. Spartan Spirit Award (Traci Parks and Chris Lay)
 - a) Nothing to report
3. Dr. Paul Pryma Award (Greta Satek)
 - a) Nothing to report
4. Grad Night (Debbie Jutzi)
 - a) Next meeting **11/8/17 (corrected date from earlier agenda)** at 7:30 P.M.
 - b) Sign up to volunteer!
5. Staff Appreciation (Margaret Grouzard and Amy Olson) Nothing to report

C. GBN Standing Committees

1. All School Workshops (Decima Panitch)
 - a) November 16. It's an A day and Late arrival. Theme is "Spartans Think Before We Speak and Act"
2. Curriculum (Carol Currie):
 - a) Meeting talked about classes that are being proposed for next year as well as some that are being considered to offer to incoming freshmen.
3. Dean's Advisory (Deborah Phadnis and Devon Roane):
 - a) Nothing to report
4. Glenbrook Foundation (Kristine Schwandner)
 - a) Nothing to report
5. Members at Large
 - a) District 27 (Lorna Cohen)
 - b) District 28 (Susan Schueler and Carol Currie)
 - c) District 30 (Sarah Sanford)
 - d) District 31 (Leslie Resis)

VI. Adjournment at 8:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindi Rench

Parents' Association Secretary