



GLENBROOK
NORTH
PARENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Glenbrook North Parents' Association

Meeting Minutes September 18, 2019

Present: Dr. John Finan, Scott Williams, Stacy Seiden, Susie D'Orzai, Jane Ciancanelli, Sunitha Bellam, Michelle Seguin, Betsy Sharpe, Julie Godnik, Carrie Bernstein, Joohui Kim, Meeryng Park, Lin Dal, Jenny Rho, Amy Olson, Audra Casey, and Kristin Ihrke.

I. Call to Order / Welcome

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Betsy Sharpe.

II. Guest Speaker

- a. Mr. Scott Williams, Associate Principal for Administrative Services, gave a tour of the recently renovated and updated spaces in GBN.
 - i. A new roof has been installed in the field house.
 - ii. New furniture has been purchased for the Student Activity Center, as well as a new floor donated by the class of 2019.
 - iii. In the Social Studies, Math and World Language Resource Center there is new carpet and paint, as well as change in the overall color scheme of the Center.
 - iv. The Dance Studio has a new cushioned floor, new blinds, new ceiling lighting and a new sound system.
 - v. The pool had deck work, paint and a new dehumidification system installed. The new system will turn the air over every couple of hours. A significant improvement from the old system that turned the air over every day.

III. School Report

- a. Dr. Finan reported on the upcoming dates:
 - i. September 21 – Marching Band competition in Wheeling.
 - ii. September 26- September 28, the fall play, Mathilda, will be in the CPA.
 - iii. September 27-Late arrival.
 - iv. September 30 – No School.
 - v. October 1 - October 5.
 - vi. October 1 – CPTO meeting, 6pm, SCR.
 - vii. October 3 – FAFSA nuts and bolts, 7-9pm at GBS.
 - viii. October 7 – BPO meeting, 7-9PM, SCR.

- ix. October 8 – Photo Retakes.
- x. October 9 – No School.
- xi. October 10 – Marching Band Competition, New Lenox.
- xii. October 15-18- Yearbook Photos.

IV. New Business

- a. Susie D’Orzai proposed a new budget. The budget will be voted on at the October meeting.
- b. Clair Bernstein from CATCH spoke briefly about the organization. CATCH promotes mental and emotional well-being for children. On October 3rd there is a program called Practicing Failure-How to fail with purpose.

V. Business Meeting

- a. Chairperson – Working on Bylaws, please contact Betsey Sharpe, if you are interested in helping.
 - i. Looking for a Global Awareness chair. This committee was started by Dr. John Finan. Opportunities for students to compliment there current foreign language study, encourage students to take State Seal of Bi-Literacy, create exchange programs here and abroad.
- b. Membership – numbers are down significantly. Please consider joining. You receive a Torch subscription, as well as the opportunity to volunteer at GBN events. As noted in past years the optional tab for membership has been difficult for parents to find. There was a discussion of how to increase membership. The idea of more self-promotion was considered.
- c. Communications – Would like to use more self-promotion of the many scholarships and awards we sponsor.
- d. Secretary – June 2018 and August 2019 minutes were approved.
- e. Treasurer – The proposed budget will be voted on at the next meeting.

VI. P.A. Committees

- a. Distinguished Teacher – No report.
- b. Spartan Spirit – No report.
- c. Paul Pryma Award – No report.
- d. Grad Night – This event is for the seniors and put on by the community. It takes the support of the whole GBN and Northbrook community to make this night work. Please like the Facebook page and donate.
- e. Safety – Next meeting on October 22.
- f. Staff Appreciation – Parents night in the classroom was a success.

VII. GBN Standing Committees

- a. All School Workshops – Please contact Joanne Mock, if you are interested. Meetings will be moving to evening.
- b. Curriculum – No report.
- c. Dean’s Advisory – No report.
- d. Glenbrook Foundation – No report.
- e. Members at Large – No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Ihrke
Recording Secretary
Next meeting October 16, 2019