



**GLENBROOK
NORTH**
**PARENTS'
ASSOCIATION**

Glenbrook North Parents' Association

Meeting Minutes August 28, 2019

Present: Dr. John Finan, Dr. Charles Johns, Lorna Cohen, Pete Glowacki, Stacy Seiden, Cari Raymond, Julie Kreiter, Stephanie Moretta, Nellie Sax-Weaver, Susie D'Orzai, Jane Ciancanelli, Lisa Kramer, Robin Begman Minkow, Alar Sambandam, Sunitha Bellam, Lin Dou, Greta Satek, Michelle Seguin, Bill Kousiounelos, Julie Godnik, Bobbi Viegas-Miller, Shutal Pandat, Lisa Reju, Joohui Kim, Hyun Rohu, Jenny Schwartzberg, Xuan Luo, Audra Casey, Elyssa Siegel, Erin Cooper, Darren Hayden, Laura Callahan, Joanne Mock, Lina Ostrov, Mikhail Ostrov, Kristin Ihrke.

I. Call to Order / Welcome

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Betsy Sharpe.

II. Guest Speaker

- a. Dr. Charles Johns, new superintendent of District 225, gave a brief overview of his professional and personal life. Dr. Johns has been spending time in the district since last spring. He spoke on sustaining what is great about the district and continuing to grow what is great. Dr. Johns briefly discussed the safety and security training that the para-pros recently underwent.

III. School Report

- a. Dr. Finan started his report with a review of GBN abbreviations. He also gave a brief overview of his professional and personal history.
- b. Dr. Finan noted that there is a new swipe in, swipe out process for open lunch.
- c. There will be 14 late arrivals this year.
- d. Patience is requested with traffic and the new traffic pattern as Maple school opens on September 3rd.
- e. Upcoming dates:
 - i. August 14-October 6, 2019 GBN Artist in Residence at the Northbrook Public Library
 - ii. August 30, 2019 at 2:15pm Loyalty Day Assembly, Main Gym
 - iii. September 2, 2019 No School

- iv. September 5, 2019 is Parent Night in the Classroom, 6:00pm for freshman parents, 7:00pm first class for all with 2/3A
- v. September 5, 2019 at 6:00 pm is the Driver's Education meeting, Little Theater.
- vi. September 6, 2019 Late arrival, 10:00am start.
- vii. September 13, 2019 Activity fair during all lunches in Student Mall.

IV. New Business

- a. Lisa Kramer, GBN Parent Representative, D225 Special Education Committee spoke about upcoming evening seminars for parents:
 - i. September 12, 2019 at 7pm at the Glenbrook South Student Activities Center, Mr. Josh Koo, GBS Assistant Principal of Student Activities and Dr. Michael Tarjan will discuss the many opportunities for students with disabilities in D225. They will also discuss how to build social circles through various organizations.
 - ii. November 20, 2019 at 7pm at the Glenbrook South Student Activities Center, Jackie Rue, behavioral help therapist, will discuss successful parenting, school refusal, drugs and depression.

V. Business Meeting

- a. Chairperson - Working on Bylaws.
- 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.
- c. Communications - Would like to utilize Facebook more this year. Please take pictures at events and post.
- d. Secretary - While a quorum was present at the meeting, there was no vote taken on the minutes, due to time. Minutes from June will be voted on in September.
- e. Treasurer - The proposed budget will be available at the next meeting.

VI. P.A. Committees

- a. Distinguished Teacher - Congrats to Stephen Goodman, 2019 winner.
- b. Spartan Spirit - Congrats to Nora Smith, 2019 winner.
- c. Paul Pryma Award - Congrats to Lucky Deutsch, 2019 winner.
- 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. First meeting is September 15, 2019 in the Green and Gold conference room.
- e. Safety Committee - Recently met. Looking at how to send instant messages to students, in case of emergency. New first aid bags in each room for students, in case of lockdown. Many facility enhancements made over summer, including electronic locks for all doors.
- f. Staff Appreciation - Prepared for Parent Night in the classroom. Pizza for teachers. Working on date for spring Staff Appreciation.

VII. GBN Standing Committees

- a. All School Workshops - no report
- b. Curriculum - no report
- c. Dean's Advisory - no report
- d. Glenbrook Foundation - no report
- e. Members at Large - District 27 reported on the upcoming 5k, which will occur September 21, 2019. Proceeds support District 27 scholarship to GBN student.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Ihrke

Recording Secretary

Next meeting September 18, 2019