



GLENBROOK NORTH PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Glenbrook North Parents' Association *Meeting Minutes - September 16, 2020*

Attendees: Asst. Principal Student Services, Eric Etherton, Principal, Jason Markey, Betsy Sharpe, Jane Ciancanelli, Stacy Seiden, Susan Schueler, J. J. Hart, Susie D'Orazi, Susan Sholty, Erin Cooper, Melissa Copeland, and more than 50 other attendees

Betsy Sharpe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker Eric Etherton, Assistant Principal of Student Services:

Psychologist by training and at GBN since 1990. Since then socio/emotional concerns increasing including depression, anxiety and eating disorders. There are different stressors today.

We are so fortunate to have a supportive school board and administration. Mr. Etherton enjoys supporting the counselors, teachers, and social workers. He oversees 9 school counselors, 6 school psychologists, 5 social worker interns, and 3 nurses. There are 4 different student service teams who meet once/week to discuss students and any issues.

The team sees 250 student individuals/week for personal meetings at 30-minutes per student and 12-14 group counseling sessions. Sessions include grief, social skills, disabilities, transitions to jobs/graduation, among other things. If there is a crisis, a safety assessment is performed and parents are contacted immediately.

College counselor, Dr. David Boyle, works with seniors in the college application process. This summer, a social/emotional learning curriculum centering around how to deal with adversity was created.

Loneliness is a concern with 50% of students reporting they're missing friends, peers. Many students feel isolated now. Need to adapt and connect. Too much screen time.

"Text a Tip" available to students to anonymously contact certified social workers.

Overall, the team is available to support the students.

Jason Markey, Principal:

Parent Night in the Classroom: Lots of positive feedback on the over 1,000 class sessions.

Freshman orientation was limited.

Virtual Activity Fair: Mr. Tarjan focused on the clubs.

Return to school plan: Looking at the metrics during upcoming advisory committee meeting. Earliest for hybrid will be in October. Right now 10% of students choosing remote learning.

Plays: Rehearsals are ongoing. Performances will be virtual, potentially streaming.

Sports: Hundreds of kids on the fields and in the pools in cross country, tennis, diving, swimming, golf. Per IHSA all other sports will occur later. Spectators will be allowed for cross country and tennis.

Business Meeting:

Betsy Sharpe, Chairperson:

Moved to approve J. J. Hart as Communications co-chair. Jane Ciancanelli seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Curriculum Committee: Julie Schaeffer, PA representative on the committee.

All School Workshop Rep: Melissa Copeland, PA representative on the committee

Spartan Spirit co-chair: Bill Liberopoulos

Still need Spartan Spirit co-chair and School Board rep.

Jane Ciancanelli, Membership: provided a membership report

Stacy Seiden, Communications: reminded members to like and follow the Facebook page

Greta Satek, Secretary: moved to approve the August minutes, Julie Schaeffer seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Susie D'Orazi, Treasurer: \$37,758.62 bank balance. Proposed budget has been distributed and will be reviewed and voted on during the next meeting.

Grad Night: First meeting will be held beginning of 2021

Melissa Copeland: All School Workshop will be meeting in November

Erin Cooper, CATCH rep: Tonight, transitions, coping. Will host an upcoming coffee talk on October 14th.

Betsy Sharpe adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greta Satek
Recording Secretary