



Glenbrook North Parents' Association
Meeting Minutes: October 5, 2016

Attendees: Debbie Jutzi, Devon Roane, Carol Currie, Mindi Rench, Chris Uhlig, Marisa Boffa, Lorna Cohen, Matt Ward, Beth Congbalay, Traci Parks, Dr. Finan

I. Call to Order/Welcome

- A. Carol Currie called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

II. School Report: Dr. John Finan, Principal

- A. Homecoming week was a success! The assembly was one of the best assemblies the school has had. Football game went well as did the dance.
- B. Fall play, Little Shop of Horrors was also great.
- C. GBN goes pink is in full swing. T-shirts are on sale this week to support breast cancer research.
- D. There was a V-Show meeting today. They can get audition information still. November 14 is audition day.
- E. Social Studies classes are holding a mock election this Friday.
- F. Two debaters were in third place in a major debate tournament.
- G. Friday night is a big sport night here at GBN. Park early! Don't park in the Highland Baking lot.
- H. No School on Wednesday for Yom Kippur; school is in session on Columbus Day.
- I. EKG screening: November 2-3. \$15 fee for students to get EKG screening.
- J. Food drive will also be kicking off about that time.
- K. GBN Sports Update
- L. Questions:
 - 1. Lockdown at South today
 - 2. Winter parking; last winter seemed to have a shortage of parking spots. The deans did not oversell as many parking passes and the district purchased a Bobcat to remove snow from as many parking spaces as possible.
 - 3. Last board meeting & questions about deterring drug use: about 50 community members attended and presented thoughts about both sides. There will be a follow-up meeting later in October.

- a) Possibly adopting TextATip for an anonymous tip line.
- III. Guest Speakers: Peer Group Sponsors Penn Phillips and Maureen McDonough
 - A. Peer group was established over 40 years ago as a response to behaviors that were seen in adolescents. Efforts continue to be coordinated in order to build a community purpose.
 - B. Senior leaders go through an involved selection process. Students self-nominate. Names are then sent to teachers, coaches, staff, para pros, etc. for feedback.
 - 1. Typically over 200 students apply to be Peer Leaders. 120 are then invited back to go through a group interview process.
 - 2. Eventually 70 leaders are chosen.
 - C. Peer Leaders go through a 40 hour training over the summer, and their leadership continues to be nurtured throughout the school leader.
 - 1. Training includes how to recognize when a student needs help, how to draw out important information, and when to seek help from an adult.
 - D. Of the available freshman, over 90% sign up.
 - E. The Senior leaders are available to their freshman group during the 45 minutes of SRT and also outside of school when needed.
 - F. The Peer Group leaders run Freshman Orientation.

IV. New Business

- A. Screens for Teens EKG Testing
 - 1. Carol passed out a copy of the email parents received about the EKG screening.
 - 2. Volunteers are needed to run this screening on November 2nd and 3rd.
- B. *Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age*, presented by GBS Parents Association Wednesday, October 19, at 3:30 and 7:00 P.M.; admission is free
 - 1. Documentary and discussion

V. Business Meeting

- A. Executive Board
 - 1. Chairperson (Carol Currie)
 - 2. Membership (Devon Roane, Audra Casey, Katie Trout)
 - a) We have more members than last year. 579 members so far!
 - b) We have about 700 calendars left over. Anyone who wants a calendar for \$5 can buy one (maybe from the bookstore).
 - 3. Communications (Beth Congalay)
 - a) The budget that is allowed for the ad in the yearbook is not the actual cost.
 - (1) We allowed a buffer.
 - 4. Secretary (Mindi Rench)
 - a) September 2016 minutes presented for approval
 - (1) Debbie Jutzi moved to approve the minutes.
 - (2) Beth Congalay seconded the motion
 - (3) We voted, all were in favor
 - (4) The September minutes are approved.

5. Treasurer (Suzi D'Orazi)
 - a) 2016-2017 Budget (vote)
 - (1) New item: additional line item: Paul Pryma Award
 - (a) No parameters have been set yet, but the money has been set aside for it.
 - (2) We never received a bill for the luncheon for the teachers who wrote college letters. Dr. Finan will find out when this year's luncheon is so that we can pay that bill.
 - (3) Suzi D'orazi moved; Decima Panitch seconded
 - (4) We voted, all were in favor
 - (5) The budget is approved
 - b) Financial Report
 - (1) Beginning balance was \$14,810.00; dues collected so far total \$3,896.00
 - (2) 2 checks were returned with bank charges
 - (3) Balance is \$19,136.20.
6. PA Committees
 - a) Distinguished Teacher (Alison Whitlock and Robin Bear)
 - b) Grad Night (Debbie Jutzi)
 - (1) The first meeting was last month. Some new people joined the group, including freshman families.
 - (2) The committee needs help. Signup is online www.gbngradnight.com
 - (3) Next meeting is November 16 at 7:30 P.M. in the Green & Gold Room.
 - c) Spartan Spirit Award (Laurie Shults and Traci Parks)
 - d) Staff Appreciation (Marisa Boffa, Margaret Grouzard, & Sunny Kim)
 - (1) Homecoming treats - all went well. Thanks to all who baked. The committee stayed within budget!
 - (2) Back-to-School night in February is the next event.
7. GBN Standing Committees
 - a) All School Workshops (Decima Panitch and Greta Satek)
 - (1) Coming up November 17
 - (2) Topic is "Define Yourself." Plans are still being made.
 - (3) The spring one is called Spartans Connect on March 15. They are looking for presenters right now. Community members are invited to propose sessions.
 - (4) Looking for hands-on, interactive presentations, not lecture.
 - b) Curriculum (Leena Ramachandra, Abby Lasky, Elisa Mitchell)
 - (1) First meeting is October 20
 - c) Dean's Advisory (Traci Parks and Anni Goldberg)
 - (1) Meet on October 13.
 - d) Glenbrook Foundation (Kristine Schwandner)
 - e) Members at Large
 - (1) District 27 (Lorna Cohen)
 - (a) Great 5K which raised money for the scholarship fund.

(2) District 28 (Susan Schueler)

(3) District 30

(a) The buildings are all being looked at, with the possibilities of a new building for Maple.

(4) District 31 (Leslie Resis)

VI. Adjournment

A. Devon Roane moved to adjourn. Marisa Boffa seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Our next meeting will be in the GBN Library at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 2, 2016. Our guest will be Dr. Boyle and the topic will be college application and acceptance.