



GLENBROOK  
NORTH  
PARENTS'  
ASSOCIATION

## Glenbrook North Parents' Association

Meeting Minutes January 15, 2020

Present: Dr. John Finan, Dr. Charles John, Mary Kosirog, Betsy Sharpe, Jane Ciancanelli, Stacy Seiden, Susie D'Orzai, Joy Axelson, Susan Schueler, Audra Casey, Charlotte Stein, Shital Pandit, Nancy Artz, Jeannie Chang, Sunitha Bellam, Alar Sambardam, Chris Uhlig 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. Dr. Charles John, Superintendent spoke regarding the GBN principal search.
  - i. A search firm has been hired. Postings have gone up and will close on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Parents will receive a survey and there will be meetings to help guide the board in choosing the appropriate candidate.
  - ii. There will be 3 rounds of interviews. Hoping to announce candidate at March school board meeting.
- b. Mary Kosirog, Instructional Supervisor of Career and Technical Education, spoke about several exciting programs available to students in the career and technical education department, including a dual credit option at Oakton. She then gave the PA a tour of the career and technical education classrooms.
  - i. The tour included:
    1. The fashion room, which has six sewing machines, embroidery sergers and industrial sergers.
    2. The kitchens, both the commercial kitchen and the beginner kitchen.
    3. The preschool, this area was updated last summer.
    4. Technical Education room, Project Lead the Way. An impressive area with 3D printers, laser engravers and a print cut machine.
    5. Wood shop.
    6. Auto shop. 4 levels of auto shop. Cars that are worked on are donated by the community.
    7. Metal shop. Students can learn welding for building, as well as for art projects. There is also a foundry to cast metal.

### III. School Report

- a. Dr. Finan reported the following upcoming dates:
  - i. January 16 Incoming Freshman Curriculum Night - 6:30 p.m. in the CPA
  - ii. January 17 NO SCHOOL - Glenbrook Institute Day
  - iii. January 20 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
  - iv. January 28 Last day for schedule changes
  - v. January 29 Driver Education Parent Night (students in Driver Ed. class second semester) - 6:00 p.m. in the Little Theater
  - vi. February 3 Band Parent Organization (BPO) Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Spartan Conference Room
  - vii. February 4 Choir Theater Patrons Organization (CTPO) Meeting - 6:00 p.m. in the Green & Gold Conference Room
  - viii. February 10 Grad Night Meeting - 7:30 p.m. in the Green & Gold Conference Room
  - ix. February 12 Booster Club Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Green & Gold Conference Room
  - x. February 13, 14, 15 Variety show 7:00pm, CPA
  - xi. February 17 No School

### IV. Business Meeting

- a. Chairperson -
  - i. The PA received a nice note from the 2015 Spartan Spirit Award winner, Andy Han. He wrote of his appreciation for the supportive and active PA at GBN.
- b. Membership- We are currently at more members than we had last year. Considering a flyer at 8<sup>th</sup> grade activity night. Budget will eventually have to be reduced, if membership rates do not go back up.
- c. Communications - The sign that will accompany the Distinguished Teacher award is ready for installation. Should be installed next month. The graduation ad for the Torch is complete, still working on the Yearbook ad.
- d. Secretary - A quorum was present. The December minutes were approved.
- e. Treasurer - Payment to the Torch for the ad was made.

### V. P.A. Committees

- a. Distinguished Teacher - Waiting to hear from Dr. Solis' assistant for timeline.
- b. Spartan Spirit - No Report.
- c. Paul Pryma Award - No Report.
- d. Grad Night -No Report.
- e. Staff Appreciation - No Report.

### VI. GBN Standing Committees

- a. All School Workshops - If you are interested in shaping this event, please contact Betsy Sharpe.
- b. Curriculum - Please let Betsy know if you are interested.
- c. Safety - Next meeting will be held February 4<sup>th</sup>.

- d. Glenbrook Foundation – Gearing up for the May 2<sup>nd</sup> fundraising event. Dinner at school and then attending the musical.
- e. Global Awareness – Met recently. Only 5 teachers were available to meet. Hoping to get more teachers involved.
- f. Members at Large
  - i. No members at large were present.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin Ihrke  
Recording Secretary  
Next meeting February 19, 2020.