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Meeting Minutes - January 20, 2021

Attendees: Principal Jason Markey, Betsy Sharpe, Jane Ciancanelli, Stacy Seiden, J. J. Hart, Joy Axelson, Susie D'Orazi, Greta Satek, Julie Schaeffer, and others.

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

I. Guest Speaker, Dr. Michael Tarjan Asst. Principal Student Activities:

His goal is building leadership through clubs and activities. The “Renaissance Program” is teaching resiliency and leadership. Class boards build community and present challenges such as learning to give to others, asking where you can help and giving again. Some of the recent activities:

- Senior Class Board dropped off gingerbread house kits over the holidays
- Mr. Bacinich working to rebrand social media
- Fall Fest held in place of Homecoming (1,500 cars attended light show)
- Clubs have held Zoom games, cooking nights, storytelling

Upcoming activities:

- Variety show holding virtual auditions and will be filming over the next two weeks
- Show will be February 18-20. Visit “Showtix4U” for tickets
- Winter play is upcoming
- Food drive beginning in March. They are contemplating collecting food by driving the mini-bus house-to-house
- Senior Awards program will be held. Distinguished Alumnus already chosen

Due to the number of activities held on Zoom, activities seem to be appealing to kids who otherwise might not be involved because it's online.

II. Jason Markey, Principal's Report:

- The past week-and-a-half has been a very difficult time due to the loss of Dylan Buckner. The school and the community extend condolences to the Buckner family.
- Remote learning: Many more students returning though some still remote. School feels different with the energy of students in the building.
- Testing is ongoing for students and staff. There is confidence in GBN for the safety of the process. Staff will eventually be vaccinated. The region is moving to Tier 2 at this time and expecting to move to Tier 1 soon. Tier 1 will allow students to participate in extracurricular activities again, including athletics.
- Staff is working on the details of summer school for a late February release. They are planning for in-person and remote options.
- A question was asked regarding in-person lunch. There are approximately 550-600 students on campus at this time. 150 of those stay for lunch.
- Principal Markey offered a strong reminder that cars should not stop on Sherman or Shermer to pick up kids.
- COVID testing: Students and parents will only be contacted if there is a "concerning result." The test is not an official test but it has high reliability. If there is a concerning result, the child will have to get an actual PCR test.

III. Business Meeting:

Betsy Sharpe, Chairperson's report:

- Parent's Association will contribute to Booster Club in honor of Dylan Buckner
- Distinguished Teacher award nomination forms to be provided shortly
- "All School Workshop" second meeting tomorrow night. The workshop will be focused on resiliency.
- Ed Solis, Assoc. Principal of Curriculum & Instruction, will be next month's speaker

Stacy Seiden and J. J. Hart, Communications:

- Thank you to Peter Glowacki for providing technical assistance with the Parents' Assoc Facebook page.
- "Congratulations to Seniors" ad has been submitted to the Yearbook.

Greta Satek, Secretary:

- Minutes from December meeting motion moved by Satek, seconded by Seiden, and approved by attendees.

Susie D'Orazi, Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance \$53,445.63

- Next meeting is 2/17/21
- Meeting adjourned by Betsy Sharpe at 7:52 p.m.