



GLENBROOK NORTH

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Glenbrook North Parents' Association

Meeting Minutes - October 14, 2020

Attendees: Assistant Principal Administrative Services, Lauren Bonner, Principal, Jason Markey, Betsy Sharpe, Jane Ciancanelli, Stacy Seiden, Susan Schueler, J. J. Hart, Susie D'Orazi, Erin Cooper and more than 20 other attendees

– Betsy Sharpe called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

I. Guest Speaker, Lauren Bonner, Assistant Principal Administrative Services

Joined GBN this year from Loyola Academy. Working to form relationships with stakeholders, including parents. This is her 18th year in the education field, having started at CPS as a choir director, ultimately moving up to Assistant Dean of Student Services and Director of Student Culture at Loyola.

Since she joined in July it has been frenetic overseeing the operations. The custodial staff has had to rearrange all the furniture in the building, moving to 6 foot spacing and putting leftover furniture in storage. Huge task to move the furniture, obtain new cleaning equipment, and new cleaning supplies.

- They have put new signage in place regarding distancing, masking, one-way hallways, and stairs. QR codes at entrances so COVID questionnaire is completed on entry.
- Distributed materials efficiently so teachers could get the materials to all the students quickly. Complicated process was streamlined.

- There is now a satellite health office for students with COVID symptoms. The Nurses office is a healthy office. If COVID symptoms are demonstrated, move to a separate classroom which contains cots, dividers, sink, and hard flooring.
- Spartan Conference room has had a facelift. New paint, wood paneling removed. Conference room can hold 12 people socially distanced.
- October 17th will be first ever drive-thru light show. Start at 2nd street, drive through campus (wear your masks). Entertainment provided by Cheerleaders, Poms, and Band.
- She oversees all Instructional Assistants and the library.

II. Update from Jason Markey, Principal

Athletics: Golf season is winding down. The team won sectionals and regionals. Beat New Trier 4 times. NT has won conference 15 years in a row, so this was the first team to beat NT in 15 years.

Final stretch for swimming, diving, and cross country, as well.

Arts: One-act plays were performed last week. Fall Play—filming now for streaming likely 10/21-10/22

Activities: Many students on-campus after school hours

Hybrid Learning: Encouraging students to try out hybrid. Spending a lot of time ensuring those students who remain remote receive the same quality learning. May conduct a focus group of the fully remote kids.

Standardized Testing: Working extremely hard to provide enough opportunities. 2nd SAT held today. Makeup SAT in 2 weeks.

COVID: Safety of the school community is of utmost importance. In contact with Cook County Dept. of Health frequently. School cannot always explain its decisions due to privacy. School is being very flexible with less than 50% of student population opting for remote learning. However, the numbers are misleading because some may come and go or change their minds. Hoping by November the students can decide.

III. GBN PA Business Meeting

Betsy Sharpe, Chairperson:

- First print edition of Torch is being printed. This is the first edition since the COVID lockdown. Kids had to overcome technological challenges to coordinate this edition. Members should receive it next week (in the mail).
- Parents' Association is co-sponsoring a webinar, "Finding the Extraordinary in the Ordinary". GBS Parents' Association is also a sponsor. Purpose is to help parents and students move forward in difficult times.

Jane Ciancanelli, Membership: 450 members as of 10/6/20. Last year total was 452 so great progress this year. Another mailing to non-members soon.

Stacy Seiden, Communications: Receive a recording of this meeting by request at gbnparentsassoc@gmail.com. Like and follow the GBN PA's Facebook page. Visit our website at gbnpa.org.

Greta Satek, Recording Secretary: Motioned to approve the September 2020 minutes, Betsy Sharpe seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Susie D'Orazi, Treasurer: Budget needs to be approved. Discussion ensued regarding Staff Appreciation and to whom gifts should be distributed. Executive Board will discuss membership costs during the pandemic. Betsy Sharpe moved to approve the budget. Jane Ciancanelli seconded. Budget was approved.

Bill Liberopoulos, Spartan Spirit Co-Chair: Still need Spartan Spirit co-chair.

- Betsy Sharpe announced Dr. David Boyle will be guest speaker at the November meeting.
- Betsy Sharpe adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greta Satek
Recording Secretary