



GLENBROOK  
NORTH  
PARENTS'  
ASSOCIATION

## Glenbrook North Parents' Association

Meeting Minutes October 16, 2019

Present: Dr. John Finan, Dr. R.J. Gravel, Joel Reyes, Stacy Seiden, Susie D'Orzai, Sunitha Bellam, Betsy Sharpe, Julie Kreiter, Allen Cheng, C. Connie Zhou, Susan Schueller, Adar Sambandam, Jodru Kim, Jamie Feld, Erin Cooper, Karen Nelson, Joy Axelson, Yuqin Gus, Carrie Bernstein, Shital Pandit, Tong Chen, Kelly Bia, Audra Casey, and Kristin Ihrke.

I. Call to Order / Welcome

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Betsy Sharpe.

II. Guest Speaker

- a. Dr. R.J. Gravel, the Glenbrooks' Assistant Superintendent for Business Services and Joel Reyes Safety and Security Manager of the Glenbrooks', discussed the new check-in system, new open lunch procedure and the upgraded door locks that are being installed.
  - i. Open Lunch
    1. Students ID's are scanned by a staff member before they leave for open lunch and when they return from lunch.
    2. If students do not have lunch at the time they are trying to leave early or not at their lunch period the staff member will receive a message. If students return late the staff member will also receive a message.
    3. This new system allows the administration to know who is off campus. Beginning in November, a message can be sent to students who are off campus in case of a problem at the campus, preventing them from returning.
  - ii. Dances
    1. The same system will be used to check students in and out of dances. Allows staff to communicate with parents if student does not show up to dance.
  - iii. Forgotten ID's
    1. The system allows for students to use a picture of their ID to scan in and out for lunch and dances.
  - iv. New Electronic locks
    1. District 225 worked with an external company to identify a list of things to make the learning environment safer. Many protocols have already been put in place, such as different colored lanyards for staff, vendors, and visitors.

2. The new electronic locks allow the school to lock all doors in a few seconds. Teachers will have the key, doors will be kept open while students are entering classes. Doors will then be closed and locked. Students are still able to exit the classroom. Between 450 door locks will be replaced. Police will have keys. If a key is lost, it can be disabled and a new key made quickly.

### III. School Report

- a. Dr. Finan reported on these upcoming dates:
  - i. October 17, 18 and 19 - Student written and directed one acts "Origins" - 7pm.
  - ii. October 16, 23, 30 and November 6 - Late arrival.
  - iii. October 22 - Choices College Fair for Students with Special Needs-6pm New Trier.
  - iv. October 24 - Fall band concert - 7:30pm, CPA.
  - v. October 28 - GNCY Presentation JUULS and Vapes - 7pm, Library.
  - vi. October 29- Fall choir concert, 7:30pm, CPA.
  - vii. October 30 - Community Halloween party, 4-5:30pm, first floor.
  - viii. November 2- SAT PSAT testing for incoming freshmen.
  - ix. November 3 - Festa Italiana, 5-7pm, North Cafeteria.
  - x. November 4 - Junior high band festival - 7pm, CPA.
  - xi. November 5 - BPO meeting, 7-9 SCR, Junior high choral festival, 7pm, CPA.
  - xii. November 6 - Boosters 7pm, G&G.
  - xiii. November 6 and 7 - College program for juniors, 7pm, CPA.
  - xiv. November 12 - CPTO, 6pm, G&G.
  - xv. November 13 - Fall sports awards, 6:30pm, CPA.
  - xvi. November 15 - Winter sports jamboree - 6:30pm, CPA.

### IV. New Business

- a. 2019-2020 budget was presented and a vote was taken. The budget was approved.

### V. Business Meeting

- a. Chairperson - Non-members are invited to join the PA. Looking for a global awareness committee liaison. Joy Axelson volunteered.
- b. Membership - A few ideas about improving membership were discussed.
  - i. Attend 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum night and explaining what PA does for the GBN community.
  - ii. Give away popsockets or magnets.
  - iii. Letter to non-members to solicit membership.
- c. Communications - Would like to use more self-promotion of the many scholarships and awards we sponsor.
- d. Secretary - September 2019 minutes were approved.
- e. Treasurer - There is a deficit in the budget this year due to declining membership.

### VI. P.A. Committees

- a. Distinguished Teacher - No report.
- b. Spartan Spirit - No report.
- c. Paul Pryma Award - No report.
- d. Grad Night - No report.
- e. Dean's Advisory - This committee has been merged with the safety committee.
- f. Safety - Next meeting December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- g. Staff Appreciation - No report.

VII. GBN Standing Committees

- a. All School Workshops - No report.
- b. Curriculum - No report, looking for someone to represent PA on this committee.
- c. Dean's Advisory - No report.
- d. Glenbrook Foundation - No report.
- e. Members at Large - No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Ihrke

Recording Secretary

Next meeting November 20, 2019