



GLENBROOK
NORTH
PARENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Glenbrook North Parents' Association Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2017

Attendance: Mindi Rench, Debbi Jutzi, Decima Panitch, Susie D'Orazi, Beth Congbalay, Kristine Schawandner, Laurie Morrison, Katie Trout, Greta Satek, Lorna Cohen, Alison Whitlock, Carol Currie, Sarah Sanford

- I. Call to Order/Welcome
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:03 P.M.
- II. Guest Speaker: Michael Greenstein came to talk about the All School Workshop
 - a. Time for building staff/students to connect around a central idea. Happens twice a year.
 - b. Committee is 20 people: admin, teachers, students, parents
 - c. Theme for the whole year is "Who We Are"
 - d. This spring: Spartans Connect
 - i. Teachers, students, community members can run a session on any topic they want; we learn who we are by what they are interested in.
 - e. Planning started in the fall with email blast to students, parents, and community. The goal was 100 sessions by Thanksgiving, so that students have plenty of sessions to choose from to match their interests and goals.
 - f. Over 1500 students registered by the end of the first day that registration was opened. Indicates great interest in the day!
 - g. Keynote: M & P Presentations. The topic is "Ordinary is Extraordinary"
- III. School Report: Dr. Finan
 - a. The V-Show was a great success.
 - b. Thank you for contributions to Community Week.
 - c. Registration is finishing up this week and next week will be sectioning - looking at how many students are registering to make sure a course can run. Goal is a minimum of 20 students per section.
 - d. No school for students on Monday.
 - e. March 15 is Spartans Connect
 - f. Spring break begins after school on March 24.
 - g. April 3 is an emergency snow day, so no school unless we have a snow day between now and then.
 - h. GBN took second in the largest chess tournament in US history!

- i. Math team won first place in the math tournament. Highest qualifying score in the state in their division.
 - j. Bowling team qualified for state.
 - k. Seven swimmers qualified for state.
 - l. Cheerleaders have qualified for sectionals for the first time.
 - m. One wrestler qualified for state.
 - n. March 4 is the college colloquium at GBS.
 - o. Glenbrook Festival of Music at Techny: March 12
 - p. Orchesis March 16, 17, 18
 - q. International Education Committee (changing to Global Awareness Committee) is looking at bringing in educational tour companies to do a workshop on global education. Looking at November of next school year.
 - r. Two retirees this year: Mike Piskel in Science and Jim Howie in Applied Technology
- IV. New Business
- a. Website: check it out and write your job description.
 - b. Community Week: Cookie Day was yesterday; it went really well! There were enough cookies!
 - c. Screenagers is showing at GBS on 3/14/17. See flyer.
- V. Business Meeting
- a. Executive Board Reports
 - i. Chairperson: Carol Currie
 - 1. Nominating committee has not yet met; they will before the next meeting
 - ii. Membership: Katie Trout
 - 1. Nothing to report
 - iii. Communications: Beth Congbalay
 - 1. Ad for Laconian is all set.
 - 2. There will also be a congratulation ad in the final *Torch*.
 - iv. Secretary: Mindi Rench
 - 1. Thank you to Carol for taking minutes at the last meeting.
 - 2. Debbie Jutzi moved to approve. Kristine Schwandner seconded. We voted and approved the February 2017 meeting minutes.
 - v. Treasurer: Susie D'Orazi
 - 1. Nothing new to report.
 - 2. Carol bought a new banner for the Parents' Association. It was \$117.50. The other banner went missing. We are happy to have the updated new logo.
 - 3. Greta moved to approve a payment to AlphaGraphics for the cost of the banner. Kristine seconded. We all voted in favor of using P.A. funds to pay for the new P.A. banner (see heading of these minutes for what the banner looks like).
 - b. Committees
 - i. Distinguished Teacher: Alison Whitlock
 - 1. Twelve committee members.

2. Have already received two essays. They are due March 17. Reminders have been sent to the kids.
 3. Parents received info in an email blast yesterday.
 4. In process of researching gifts.
- ii. Grad Night: Debbie Jutzi
 1. Still need people to volunteer for hall chairs.
 2. Please volunteer to help the weekend of. Everything is online. You have to register on the volunteer site. www.gbngradnight.com
 3. Letters are going out to all families asking for contributions and volunteers
 4. Fundraiser the day of Spartan Connect. March 15th at Chipotle. Grad Night is giving 50% of the proceeds to the Grad Night Committee! Go between 4:00 and 8:00 P.M.
 - iii. Spartan Spirit Award: Laurie Shults and Traci Parks (absent)
 - iv. Staff Appreciation: Marisa Boffa, Margaret Grouzard, & Sunny Kim (absent)
- c. GBN Standing Committees
 - i. All School Workshops: Decima Panitch
 - ii. Curriculum : Leena Ramachandra, Abby Lasky, Elisa Mitchell (absent)
 - iii. Dean's Advisory: Traci Parks and Anni Goldberg (absent)
 - iv. Glenbrook Foundation: Kristine Schwandner
 1. Dinner tickets almost sold out on the first day. There are less than 5 tickets left for sale for the Saturday night event.
 2. In May the Foundation will open the applications for grants for teachers.
 - v. Members at Large
 1. District 27: Lorna Cohen
 - a. Hickory Point is having a parent's night to raise money for a gaga pit.
 - b. The district is having a Club 27 on May 5th. Fundraiser to replace older smart boards.
 2. District 28: Susan Schueler
 3. District 30: Sarah Sanford
 4. District 31: Leslie Resis
- VI. Adjournment: 8:05 P.M.
 - a. Greta Satek moved to adjourn; Kristine Schwandner seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.