



GLENBROOK
NORTH
PARENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Glenbrook North Parents' Association

Meeting Minutes April 15, 2020

*Present: Dr. John Finan, Betsy Sharpe, Jane Ciancanelli, Stacy Seiden, Susan Schueler, Joanne Mock, Erin Cooper, Joan Rubert, Joel Chupak, Joohui Kim, Joy Axelson, Maria Fox, Noah Foster, Nora Callahan, Kristin Ihrke and others.

- I. Call to Order / Welcome
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Betsy Sharpe.
- II. School Report
 - a. Dr. Finan spoke about the current state of E-learning. GBN is trying to keep the student population engaged and motivated. Friday announcements are being broadcast. Both Spartan of the week and Staff Spartan of the week are being chosen. Staff misses students, trying to send messages of positivity.
 - b. Dr. Finan answered questions from the assembled group.
 - i. Text a tip has not seen a huge spike. All members of the GBN staff are available for students.
 - ii. Attendance has moved to once a day check-in. The staff is working out kinks in workload and due dates for assignments.
 - iii. The structure of the day is taking shape. Trying to ensure that teacher sessions are not overlapping, forcing students to decide what sessions to attend. Teachers are providing one on one student time.
 - iv. Clubs are still meeting virtually from 3:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M.
 - v. No decision has been made regarding finals.
 - vi. There has also been no final decision about Prom or Graduation.
 - vii. Senior awards will be delivered virtually.
 - viii. Refunds will be given for students who paid to park, and could not use the full year.
 - ix. Teachers are finding the new situation challenging. Difficult to reproduce teaching virtually. Teachers are working hard to give students the best E-learning experience.
- III. Business Meeting
 - a. Chairperson -

- b. February meeting minutes have been received, however, due to the inability to vote, the minutes will be voted on at a later date.
- c. Membership- No Report.
- d. Communications – No Report.
- e. Secretary – No Report.
- f. Treasurer – In good shape financially.

IV. P.A. Committees

- a. Distinguished Teacher –Please sign up via Sign Up Genius link to read submissions. Good response thus far.
- b. Spartan Spirit – Please sign up to help. Link was in meeting email.
- c. Paul Pryma Award – No Report.
- d. Grad Night – Working on getting “GBN Senior” signs to all seniors. Grad cards are available for purchase. Cards can be personalized. This requires a lot of volunteers. Please email Elyssasiegel@comcast.net to help.
- e. Staff Appreciation – No Report.
- f. Nominating Committee – Nominating committee consisted of Jane Ciancanelli, Joanne Mock, Susie D’Orzai and Erin Cooper. Greta Satek was nominated for the position of Secretary.

V. GBN Standing Committees

- a. All School Workshops – No Report.
- b. Curriculum – No Report.
- c. Safety – Meeting on April 28, 2020.
- d. Glenbrook Foundation – No Report.
- e. Global Awareness – No Report.
- f. Members at Large - No Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Ihrke
Recording Secretary
Next meeting May 27, 2020

*Please note that this meeting was conducted virtually. Those “present” were difficult to ascertain. Only Betsy Sharpe, Jane Ciancanelli and Dr. Finan spoke.