



GLENBROOK  
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ASSOCIATION

## Glenbrook North Parents' Association

Meeting Minutes May 2, 2018

Present: Dr. John Finan, Cristi Rose, Anthony Romito, Mary Kosirog, Carol Currie, Stacy Seiden, Betsy Sharpe, Decima Panitch, Mindi Rench, Joanne Mock, Susi D'Orazi, Debbie Jutzi, Audra Casey, Okhee Choi, Jane Ciancanelli, Alison Whitlock

- I. Call to Order/Welcome: Meeting called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Carol Currie, standing in for Greta Satek
- II. Guest speakers: Cristi Rose, Anthony Romito, and Mary Kosirog
  - A. We took a tour of several of the applied tech classrooms. The group was very impressed by all that is available to GBN students. We saw woods, welding, autos, and more.
  - B. Wednesday May 23, 2018, is "Pitch Night" at 7:00 P.M. in the GBN cafeteria
- III. School Report: Dr. John Finan
  - A. The district is starting a School Safety Committee which will include 2 parents and 2 students as well as certified staff. Dr. Finan asked for recommendations for parents to join this committee. Joe Zaghal and Betsy Sharpe volunteered. They will be notified if selected to be on the committee as other parents have expressed interest as well.
    1. The purpose of the committee is to review the school safety plan and make recommendations. Another purpose is to review drills and training for staff and students.
    2. A question was asked about the job of the guard at the front door. The guard is there to oversee who's coming in and out, direct people who have questions, and then after the last meeting of the night, make rounds to make sure the building is empty.
  - B. 22 students participated in at the International DECA competition the weekend of 4/20/18. Nate Rogers (sophomore) and the team of Sami Liebow (junior) and Jessica Carr (junior) return to GBN as International DECA champions.
  - C. 6 students qualified for FCCLA nationals which will take place at the end of June.
  - D. GBN has seven qualifiers for Speech Nationals in June.
  - E. GBN Social Studies teacher Sarah Ilie was recognized by the National Speech & Debate Association for exemplary volunteerism to promote speech and debate.
  - F. NSEED Association of Parents & Staff is recognizing programs that offer inclusive opportunities including people of all abilities that show leadership and innovation in areas such as learning, advocacy, partnership, recreation and social integration. The Varsity Cheerleading head coach and Special Education instructional aide Greg Wilhelm was selected for an APS Best Practice Award and will be honored on 5/15/18 at North Shore Academy in Highland Park.

G. Yesterday, May 1st, GBN recognized 15 student athletes who signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at the college level.

H. Upcoming Events:

1. 5/3/18 Choir Banquet
2. 5/5/18 SAT
3. 5/7/18 - 5/18/18 AP Exams
4. 5/10/18 Jazz Band concert
5. 5/11/18 Open Mic Night
6. 5/14/18 Band Awards Dinner
7. 5/15/18 Spring Band and Orchestra Concert
8. 5/17/18 Peer Mentor Breakfast; Spring Showcase Art Exhibit; Spring Choral Concert
9. 5/18/18 Springfest
10. 5/19/18 Prom
11. 5/21/18 World Language Honor Society Induction
12. 5/22/18 Theatre Banquet
13. 5/23/18 Incubator Pitch Night
14. 5/25/18 Awards Assembly
15. 5/29/18 - 5/31/18 Senior Finals
16. 5/29/18 Spring Sports Awards Night
17. 5/31/18 Senior Athletic Banquet
18. 6/1/18 Senior Breakfast Graduation Rehearsal
19. 6/3/18 Graduation and Grad Night

IV. New Business: None

V. Business Meeting

A. Executive Board Reports

1. Chairperson: Greta Satek (Carol Currie)
2. Nominating Committee (Carol Currie, representative)
  - a) Slate of officers for 2018-2019
    - (1) Greta Satek, Chairman (second year)
    - (2) Audra Casey, Membership (third year)
    - (3) Jane Ciancanelli, Membership (first year)
    - (4) Carol Currie, Communication (second year)
    - (5) Kristin Ihrke, Secretary (first year)
    - (6) Betsey Sharpe, Treasurer (first year)
  - b) Carol asked if there were any nominations from the floor and there were none
  - c) Debi Jutzi moved to approve the slate of officers. Stacy Seiden seconded. The vote was taken and was unanimous in favor of electing this slate.
3. Membership: Audra Casey, Katie Trout
  - a) no report
4. Communications: Carol Currie
  - a) Look for PA adds in the Laconian yearbook and final edition of *Torch*.
5. Secretary: Mindi Rench
  - a) April 2018 minutes
  - b) Joanne Mock moved to approve, Alison Whitlock seconded.
  - c) The minutes were voted on and approved unanimously
6. Treasurer: Susie D'Orazi
  - a) Financial Report was presented. We made payment for the 2016 gift to the school – the NASA display case – for \$2,800.03. PA has also agreed to purchase new chairs for the Spartan Conference Room at a cost of \$11,000 - \$12,000. New chairs should be here before the June meeting!

- b) Decima moved to approve the financial report. Stacy Seiden seconded. The report was voted on and unanimously approved.

B. P.A. Committees

1. Distinguished Teacher: Alison Whitlock and Susan Schueler
  - a) May 8, 2018 meeting at GBN
  - b) 17 essays submitted; this was lower than in past years. 2 students wrote 2 essays each; 4 essays submitted by pairs of writers.
  - c) 16 teachers were nominated (one teacher was nominated twice)
  - d) Parent volunteers are reading now.
2. Spartan Spirit Award: Traci Parks and Chris Lay
  - a) May 8, 2018 meeting at GBN
  - b) Teachers nominate the students who are the “unsung heroes” of the school
  - c) Roughly 20 students are nominated, will be narrowed down to 1.
  - d) Parents of students who are not seniors who would like to help, please let Carol know.
3. Dr. Paul Pryma Award: Greta Satek (Carol Currie)
  - a) The administration chooses a student to receive the award and PA has final approval of the selected candidate. John Finan commented that the Admin team has zeroed in on a potential recipient of the Dr. Paul Pryma Award for Courageous Kindness.
4. Grad Night: Debi Jutzi
  - a) Families received a grad card order form in the mail. Each senior receives one grad card from the committee.
  - b) Seniors have received communication regarding procedures for graduation and grad night.
  - c) The committee needs help on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> to decorate, guard the halls, etc. Sign up to help at [www.gbngradnight.com](http://www.gbngradnight.com)
  - d) June 3 walk through from 8:00 -9:30 P.M. for the community. Anyone who has already graduated from high school is welcome. No younger kids are allowed in.
  - e) 92-94% of graduates participate in Grad Night.
  - f) Monday June 4 clean up at 4:00 or 6:00 A.M. School has to be ready for students to arrive as there is still school on 6/4/18.
  - g) Monetary and item donations are still being accepted.
5. Staff Appreciation: Margaret Grouzard and Amy Olson (absent)
  - a) Ice Cream Social on 5/8/18 for staff appreciation – bring your treats if you signed up to bake
  - b) Every staff member will get a hand written card from the Parents’ Association next week as well.

C. GBN Standing Committees

1. All School Workshops: Decima Panitch
  - a) no report
2. Curriculum: Carol Currie
  - a) Meeting on 4/26/18 topics included a survey of students regarding finals
    - (1) Under discussion is flexibility on the 20% value of the final exam
3. Dean’s Advisory: Deborah Phadnis and Devon Roane
  - a) The meeting was cancelled.
4. Glenbrook Foundation: Kristine Schwander
  - a) Foundation dinner last Saturday was wonderful.
5. Members at Large
  - a) District 27: Lorna Cohen
    - (1) no report
  - b) District 28: Susan Schueler and Carol Currie

- (1) Navigate 28 strategic plan is being rolled out
- c) District 30: Sarah Sanford
- d) District 31: Leslie Resis

We discussed the possibility of PA gifting blinds for the cafeteria (the sun was blinding at the Foundation Dinner). John Finan and Kris Frandzen will look into the cost and will let us know.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Next meeting June 6, 2018