



GLENBROOK
NORTH
PARENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Glenbrook North Parents' Association

Meeting Minutes October 3, 2018

Present: Dr. John Finan, Carol Currie, Dr. Ed Solis, Kris Frandson, William Eike, Dr. Michael Tarjan, John Catalano, Eric Etherton, Erin Cooper, Greta Satek, Betsy Sharpe, Carol Schmidt, Stacy Seiden, Joanne Mock, Mark Harris, Susie D'Orazi, Todd Speed, Jane Ciancanelli, Joy Alexson, Audra Casey, Christine Uhlig, Obher Choi, Shital Pundit, and Margaret Grouzard and Kristin Ihrke.

- I. Call to Order / Welcome
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairman Greta Satek.
- II. Guest Speakers
 - a. The GBN Administrative Leadership Team each spoke on their administrative area:
 - i. Mike Tarjan, Assistant Principal for Student Activities, spoke about efforts to raise goodwill and student spirit. He also spoke about improving student wellness and the Fine Arts department. These improvements include earlier start times for plays, etc., as well as changing the calendar to have less Fine Arts programs overlap (specifically, moving the Orchestras show to winter).
 - ii. John Catalano, Assistant Principal, Athletic Director, spoke about the athletics at GBN. There are currently 27 head coaches at GBN, 25 of those work inside the building. He spoke briefly about the back gym project and the tennis court project. The CSL (Central Suburban League) will be realigned starting next year. GBN will be in the North Conference with New Trier, Glenbrook South, Maine South, Evanston, Niles West.
 - iii. Kris Frandson, Associate Principal for Administrative Services, works in the areas of building and facility management, she works with Quest, Beck's Bookstore and on school safety. She spoke about the improved security of the building and future ideas about improving safety of the building.
 - iv. Dr. Ed Solis, Associate Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, oversees the teaching and learning of the eight curricular areas. He spoke about the learning spaces initiative. He also spoke about the

ongoing process of evaluating homework load and determining the right weight for final exams. Staff wellness is also a focus.

- v. Eric Etherton, Assistant Principal for Student Services, explained that his office's objective is to support students academically. There are also services for students who may have medical issues, mental health issues or financial issues. He also spoke about a mindfulness initiative currently being run in 35 classrooms.
- vi. William Eike, Assistant Principal, Dean of Students, focusses on students in the areas of discipline and attendance. As always, his office tries to make kids more comfortable coming to the Dean's office to report any issues with bullying or other students misbehaving.

III. School Report

- a. Dr. Finan thanked the guest speakers for attending the meeting and for all of their hard work. Upcoming dates:
 - i. October 6 and October 13 - Marching Band Contest
 - ii. October 8 - No School - Columbus Day Holiday
 - iii. October 10 - Late arrival - PSAT/NMSQT - 130 juniors are taking, 8:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Disabilities Services and Supports in College, 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. in the GBN library.
 - iv. October 11-14 - Fall Play, *Almost Maine*
 - v. October 14-20 - Homecoming Week
 - 1. October 14 - Homecoming hall decorating, 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
 - 2. October 15 - Paint the Town, 3:30 - 6:00 P.M.
 - 3. October 17 - Party in the Lot, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
 - 4. October 19 - In-School Assembly. Parade at 4:00 P.M. downtown Northbrook
 - 5. October 20 - Dance 8:30 - 11:00 P.M.
 - vi. October 18 - FAFSA completion workshop, 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. in the library
 - vii. October 22 - Board of Education Meeting, special disciplinary meeting.
 - viii. October 23 - Fall Band Concert, 7:30 P.M. CPA.
 - ix. October 25 - Fall Choir Concert, 7:30 P.M. CPA.
 - x. October 30 - Strictly Strings Festival, 7:30 P.M. CPA.
 - xi. October 31 - Community Halloween Party, 4:00 - 5:30 P.M. 1st floor A.
 - xii. November 1 - Late arrival, Junior High Choral Festival, 7:00 P.M. CPA.
 - xiii. November 3 - 8th grade placement testing at GBN.
 - xiv. November 4 - Festa Italiana, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. in the cafeteria.
 - xv. November 5 - Winter sports begin.
 - xvi. November 7 - P.A. meeting, 7:00 P.M.
 - xvii. March 13, 2019 - Spartans Connect.
 - 1. Career focus day with parents hosting sessions on their field.

IV. New Business

V. Business Meeting

- a. Chairperson - P.A. help needed for staff appreciation on October 17th. Bakers and servers are needed. Sign up on:
www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044DAEA62B0-gbnstaff
Help will also be needed for Screens for Teens EKG event on November 7 - sign up coming soon.
- b. Membership - numbers are down approximately 100 families. A message could be put in *Connections* to try and solicit more members.
- c. Communications - No Report.
- d. Secretary - A quorum was present. The September minutes were approved.
- e. Treasurer - The proposed budget was available at the meeting. Budget for 2018-2019 will be voted on in November. The treasurer stated that \$700 was brought in and that the accounts are in good shape. The transfer of money from the district for membership obtained during the on-line sign up has been requested and will be coming soon.

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.

VII. GBN Standing Committees

- a. All School Workshops - No Report.
- b. Curriculum - No Report.
- c. Dean's Advisory - No Report.
- d. Glenbrook Foundation - Teachers can apply for Teacher Innovation grant through the Glenbrook Foundation until October 9, 2018.
- e. Members at Large - No Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Ihrke

Recording Secretary

Next meeting November 7, 2018.