



GLENBROOK
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Glenbrook North Parents' Association

Meeting Minutes - October 4, 2017

Attendees: Susan Schueler, Amy Olson, Margaret Grouzard, Kristine Schwandner, Stacy Seiden, Alison Whitlock, Daniel Rench, Greta Satek, Catherine Caporusso, S Pundit, Katie Trout, Susie D'Orazi, Audra Casey, Traci Parks, Debbie Jutzi, Devon Roane, Carol Currie

Call to Order / Welcome

Chairperson Greta Satek called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Michael Greenstein, winner of the 2017 Distinguished Teacher Award

- Dr. Greenstein told us of his education (Emory and National Lewis University).
- As coach of the debate team, he has won 7 of 8 state championships.
- "Changing a Culture" in debate
- Dedicated to students and committed to quality of thought
- Debate kids used to compete with each other and missed a lot of school but now,
 - Academics is more important than debate
 - There are mentoring programs
 - Juniors and seniors help mentor freshmen
 - Encourage involvement beyond debate
 - Most other schools have a team of 8 debaters, we have 100 plus
 - Most other debaters go to 15-20 tournaments per year, GBN kids go to about 8
 - This is better for debate success as kids have 3-4 weeks to prepare
 - Better for grades too
 - New team awards for preparation and time such as "Teammate," "Researcher," "Mentor," or "Service"
 - Model good citizenship and community mindset
- GBN hosts the largest debate event each year and it is the most competitive in the country
- CCHT Pillars
 - Character
 - Commitment
 - Hard Work
 - Teamwork
- "Perfect is not the enemy of good"

- He encourages women in debate
 - Greatest number and percentage of females in the country (except all female schools)
 - 50% of GBN debaters are female.
- Dr. Greenstein presented a slide of the universities to which debate club members were accepted. The list represented the most prestigious universities in the U.S.
- 1.1 million to debate in college over 8 years
- Some debaters can speak 600 words per minute
- Alison Whitlock read an excerpt from the Jonah Jacobs winning essay for the Distinguished Teacher Award
- Dr. Finan noted that he and Dr. Greenstein did their doctoral programs together.
- 36 GBN grads now work at GBN
- Dr. Greenstein coached at Georgetown
- He is always watching coaches to learn how they inspire their teams and for things he can apply to debate
- He is the co-chair of Spartans Connect
- He is a 2001 GBN Grad

School Report Dr. John Finan, Principal of GBN

- This is John's 10th year at GBN and 3rd year as Principal
- Homecoming Party in the Lot is tonight
- Homecoming assembly will be on Friday, then parade and football game
- Homecoming dance on Saturday night
 - Decorations look great
- GBN goes pink raised \$4,000 from t-shirt sales
- No school next Monday.
- 10/11 late arrival for PSAT testing
- Photo retakes on 10/11
- Fall Play, *The Good Doctor*, will be October 19-21
- 10/24 will be the fall concert, Cider and Song
- 10/25 College Fair (Choices) for students with disabilities will be at 6:00 P.M.
- 10/26 Strictly Strings Concert
- 10/31 Halloween Party
- 11/2 Fall Band Concert at 7:00 P.M.
- 11/6 in the cafeteria at 6:30 P.M. International Education Night
 - Food and meet and greet until 7:00 then we will hear from speaker, Jerome McDonnell - a 1986 graduate of GBN and on the NPR program, "World View" <https://www.wbez.org/staff/Jerome+McDonnell>
 - There will be a dance group from Barrington
 - Tables with information
 - Global Citizens
 - Korean Connection
 - Hellenic Club
 - CIEE - Commitment on International Education Exchange
 - Habitat for Humanity

- Hope Renewed International
- Seal of Biliteracy table
- Peace Corps Reps will be there
- 2018 the Science Department is planning a trip to the Galapagos Islands in the summer
- Taiwanese Exchange Program
- Spanish program planning to travel to Buenos Aires
- 2019 Summer trip to France
- GBN Vision 2017
 - Wellness and meaningful work
 - Build Community
 - Athletics
 - Academics
 - Activities
 - Collaboration
 - Creativity
 - Communication
 - Critical Thinking
 - Learning Spaces
- SAT scores
 - English 604
 - Math 609
- ACT Average 27.1
- In 2018 there are 21 National Merit Semi-Finalists
- AP – 96% achieved a score of 3 or higher
- 633 AP tests were given at GBN last year
- 2016 IL Youth Survey
 - of 10th graders, 82% were involved in 2 or more activities
 - 71% of 12th graders in 2 or more activities

New Business (none)

Business Meeting:

Executive Board Reports

Chairperson

Greta Satek

Membership

Audra Casey, Katie Trout

- 588 Members currently

Communications

Carol Currie

- Facebook is in use

Secretary

Mindi Rench

- Debbie Jutzi moved that we approve the September minutes, Carol Currie seconded, we voted and the minutes were approved

Treasurer

Susie D'Orazi

- Budget for 2017-2018 was presented and will be voted on in November
- Membership checks will be deposited this week

P.A. Committees

Distinguished Teacher	Alison Whitlock and Susan Schueler
Spartan Spirit Award	Traci Parks and Chris Lay
Dr. Paul Pryma Award	Greta Satek
Grad Night	Debbie Jutzi
Staff Appreciation	Margaret Grouzard and Amy Olson

GBN Standing Committees

All School Workshops	Decima Panitch
Curriculum	Carol Currie
Deans' Advisory	Deborah Phadnis and Devon Roane
Glenbrook Foundation	Kristine Schwandner

Members at Large

District 27	Lorna Cohen
District 28	Susan Schueler and Carol Currie
District 30	Sarah Sanford
District 31	Leslie Resis

Adjournment

At 8:17 P.M., Devon Roane moved that we adjourn, Kristine Schwandner seconded, a vote was taken and adjournment was unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held on November 1, 2017, in the GBN Library. Dr. David Boyle, GBN College Coordinator, will be our guess speaker.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Currie for Mindi Rench, PA Secretary