



GLENBROOK
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Glenbrook North Parents' Association

Meeting Minutes June 6, 2018

Present: Dr. John Finan, Greta Satek, Carol Currie, Betsy Sharpe, Rick Rosenfeld, Stacy Seiden, Susie D'Orazi, Susan Schueler, Alison Whitlock, Decima Panitch, Joanne Mock, Debbie Jutzi, and Shital Pandit

I. Call to Order / Welcome

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Chairman, Greta Satek.

II. Guest Speaker

- a. Dr. John Finan Introduced a video by R.J. Gravel which explained the 2018-2019 online registration and book sale process. The video can be viewed by using this link <http://www.screencast.com/t/Ui7bKgO6lth>
 - i. There are three main processes that R.J. described
 1. Registration (2018-2019 Registration Tab)
 2. Buying Books (Balance tab)
 3. Paying Optional Fees (Balance tab)
 - ii. The new process is mobile-device friendly
 - iii. No extra user name and log in is required for eFunds this year
 - iv. Organizations will be able to ask one question and gather a response
 - v. Registration fee = material and towel fees combined into one
 - vi. Courses will not have fees except for driver's education
 - vii. Alison Whitlock suggested that fees be called "recommended" instead of "optional."

III. School Report

- a. Dr. Finan reported that there will be a Welcome party on 8/20/18 that he expects will be attended mostly by freshmen and their families. The event will run from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. Freshman yearbook photos (only) will be taken. Grades 10, 11, and 12 will be taken during P.E. IDs will be picked up at the Dean's Office. Chrome books can be picked up during the 8/20/18 event. There will be food and music, like last year.

- b. Richard Chapman will be retiring at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. He will be in the Northbrook parade on July 4th so go out and cheer for Mr. Chapman.
- c. Summer School sessions will be as follows:
 - i. June 12, 2018 – June 29, 2018
 - ii. July 5, 2018 – July 24, 2018
- d. Events are populated on the GBN calendar for the upcoming school year.
 - i. August 21 – Freshman Orientation
 - ii. August 22 – First day of school
 - iii. August 31 – Loyalty Day
 - iv. September 5 – PA Meeting
 - v. September 6 – Parent Night in the Classroom
 - vi. October 14 – October 20 – Homecoming Week
 - vii. March 13, 2019 will be Spartans Connect
 - 1. Career focus day with parents hosting sessions on their field
 - viii. November 9, 2018 – EKG “Screens for Teens” PA will be asked to supply volunteers to help with the testing
- e. Dr. Finan mentioned that the board is revisiting the discussion about moving to a collegiate calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. If the board approves the proposed 2019-2020 calendar, dates for key events may look like this:
 - i. August 14 school starts
 - ii. August 13 would be freshman orientation day
 - iii. IHSA determines when sports can start and that date is August 12
 - iv. The semester would end December 20
 - v. Return to school on January 7th
 - vi. Spring Break dates would not change – last week in March
 - vii. PA members voiced their desire for the decision to be delayed and not finalized during the summer months when people are away on vacation.
 - viii. Board meeting will be on June 26th at 7:00 P.M. if anyone would like to attend and make visitor comments on the subject.
- f. Dr. Michael Riggle, Superintendent of District 225, has announced his retirement. The 2018-2019 school year will be his last in District 225.

IV. New Business

- a. Carol Currie brought up the proposal for PA to pay for blinds for the GBN Cafeteria in the amount of \$5,501.50. There was some discussion. Debbie Jutzi moved to purchase the blinds. Susan Schueler seconded the motion. We voted and the motion was approved unanimously.
- b. Stacy Seiden reported that she and Greta Satek met with Ed Solis, Associate Principal of Curriculum and Instruction at GBN regarding a summer reading list that will be shared via email with PA members. The communication and list is as follows:

Looking for summer reading suggestions? You may be interested in reading one or more of the following student wellness-related books, which some GBN faculty will read this summer as part of their professional development.

The Power of the Adolescent Brain: Strategies for Teaching Middle and High School Students by Thomas Armstrong PhD

Engaging Ideas: The Professor's Guide to Integrating Writing, Critical Thinking, and Active Learning in the Classroom by John C. Bean and Maryellen Weimer

The Energy Bus: 10 Rules to Fuel Your Life, Work, and Team with Positive Energy by Jon Gordon and Ken Blanchard

Pressured Parents, Stressed-out Kids: Dealing With Competition While Raising a Successful Child by Wendy S. Grolnick and Kathy Seal

The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed by Jessica Lahey

The Price of Privilege: How Parental Pressure and Material Advantage Are Creating a Generation of Disconnected and Unhappy Kids by Madeline Levine PhD

How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success by Julie Lythcott-Haims

Twelve Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos by Jordan B. Peterson

Mastery of Anxiety and Panic for Adolescents Riding the Wave, Therapist Guide by Donna B. Pincus and Jill T. Ehrenreich

Argument-Driven Inquiry in Chemistry: Lab Investigations for Grades 9-12 by Victor Sampson and Peter Carafano

iGen: Why Today's Super-Connected Kids Are Growing Up Less Rebellious, More Tolerant, Less Happy--and Completely Unprepared for Adulthood--and What That Means for the Rest of Us by Jean M. Twenge PhD

Creating Innovators: The Making of Young People Who Will Change the World by Tony Wagner

Teaching Students to Drive Their Brains: Metacognitive Strategies, Activities, and Lesson Ideas by Donna Wilson and Marcus Conyers

V. Business Meeting

- a. Greta Satek asked that officers and committee heads complete reports for their positions and return them to Carol Currie over the summer to be posted on the website at www.gbnpa.org.
- b. Greta congratulated the incoming officers who were elected at the May meeting and thanked the retiring PA Members who have their youngest child graduating in 2018. She presented each of them with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.
- c. The Officers for 2018-2019 are:
 - i. Greta Satek, Chairman

- ii. Audra Casey, Membership
- iii. Jane Ciancanelli, Membership
- iv. Carol Currie, Communication
- v. Kristin Ihrke, Secretary
- vi. Betsy Sharpe, Treasurer
- d. Membership - no report
- e. Communications - Carol reported that the *Laconian* and *Torch* ads looked great.
- f. Secretary - A motion was made to approve the May 2018 minutes by Debbie Jutzi, Joanne Mock seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- g. Treasurer
 - i. We need to ask for the bill from the luncheon for teachers who wrote recommendation letters for seniors.
 - ii. Susie D'Orazi presented a financial update for the year to date. The financial report was voted on and approved.
 - iii. The PA Budget and Audit Committee will meet over the summer.

VI. P.A. Committees

- a. Distinguished Teacher - Congrats to Amanda Scholz (second time winner)
- b. Spartan Spirit - Congrats to Aaron Berkowitz
- c. Paul Pryma Award - Congrats to Michelle Rogoff
- d. Grad Night - the event was Amazing. Of 469 total seniors, 87% (407) graduates attended. The party went from 11:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M.
 - i. 110 volunteers to show up to decorate on Friday, thanks to a call for help from the Grad Night committee.

VII. GBN Standing Committees

- a. All School Workshops - no report
- b. Curriculum - no report
- c. Dean's Advisory - no report
- d. Glenbrook Foundation - no report
- e. Members at Large - no report

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
 Carol Currie for Mindi Rench
 Recording Secretary

Next meeting September 5, 2018