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Meeting Minutes - November 18, 2020

Attendees: Principal Jason Markey, Betsy Sharpe, Jane Ciancanelli, Susan Schueler, Stacy Seiden, J. J. Hart, Joy Axelson, Erin Cooper, Heather Glowacki, Janet Wilson, and other attendees

Betsy Sharpe called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

I. GBN PA Business Meeting

Betsy Sharpe, Chairperson's Report:

- Spartan Spirit Award committee: Lori Shapiro will co-chair
- All School Workshop meeting soon
- Next PA meeting 12/16/20 with Chad Davidson, Fine Arts Instructional Supervisor and Mary Kosirog, Career and Tech Ed Instructional Supervisor

Jane Ciancanelli, Membership: Membership increased to approximately 60 over prior year for a total of 512 members. The increase happened after we sent an email soliciting non-members.

Stacy Seiden and J. J. Hart, Communications: The advertisement for the final edition of Torch is confirmed and will serve to congratulate the class of 2021.

Greta Satek, Secretary: Minutes from October meeting motion to approve by Seiden, seconded by Axelson.

Susie D'Orazi, Treasurer's Report: Additional funds deposited from new members.

Susan Sholty: Gift to teachers and second-shift workers was a joint effort with the school and CTPO. Created a great mug with Spartan logo, candy, GBN stickers, and four pages of parents' thankful messages. Photos are on Facebook. The teachers and staff were very appreciative.

II. Update from Jason Markey, Principal

- "Adaptive Pause" started today through 1/19/21. Return to school 1/20/21.
- Pause includes extracurricular activities due to Tier 3 mitigation by state of IL
- Good communication is important and focus groups will be held with students. Students need to be aware of the resources available outside of classes

- Basketball started last Monday. Expect IHSA to decide on the season, which might move to later in the year
- Teacher Appreciation gifts meant a great deal. The messages inside were very meaningful. Mugs were delivered to remote teachers
- Number of coronavirus cases are listed on the Glenbrook 225 website

III. Guest Speaker, Dr. David Boyle, Coordinator College Counseling

This year's trends:

- 2020 class size: 496 (490 in 2019)
- 98% planning to attend college (95% in 2019)
- 70% planning state school (66% in 2019)
- 30% planning private school (34% in 2019)

Top ten colleges chosen in 2020:

- Univ of Illinois
 - Oakton
 - Indiana Univ
 - Univ of Iowa
 - Univ of Wisconsin
 - Purdue
 - Illinois State
 - Univ of Michigan
 - Univ of CO Boulder
 - DePaul
- List is similar to 2019 with a couple of variations (Miami of OH and U of IL, Chicago were top ten in 2019)
 - 35% of students stayed in the state of Illinois, which is the same as last year. 75% stayed in the Midwest (74% in 2019). Overall, applications were to 411 schools and 142 were attended. Average 7-8 applications per student. Some of the other schools to which GBN students are attending in more significant numbers: Kansas, TCU, Univ of Alabama, Clemson, Univ of SC

Notables for Class of 2020

- University of Illinois and Oakton CC are 2 most attended
- Schools in-state vs. out-of-state remained the same despite pandemic
65% out; 35% in – now mostly Midwest
- Applied to 411 institutions; Attended 142; average around 7-8 apps
 - 77% applied; 37% attend
- Institutional Notes:
 - 11 to University of Colorado; 7 to University of Kansas
 - South picking up: 6 to TCU; 3 to Clemson; 3 U of South Carolina
 - Culinary Institute of America, Niagara University, Pace University, Rhode Island School of Design, Parson School of Design, Mississippi State Univ. University of Mary Washington, University of Northwestern Ohio (3)

- Big Ten schools: 77% applied, 37% attended.
- Students have information overload due to pandemic. No opportunities to visit campuses, create the excitement of applying. Students are applying due to their research, not a personal connection.
- Due to COVID, ACT/SAT are optional at many colleges. Depending on your GPA it can be beneficial to submit a strong ACT/SAT result. If the test scores would not improve your application, you might reconsider including the results.

Upcoming meetings:

- College Admission Landscape, 1/20/21 at 7:00 p.m.
- College Colloquium, 2/27/21 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- There may be a virtual college fair in March/April
- Dr. Boyle then discussed Early Decision, Early Action, regular application deadlines and rolling applications. Typical application deadline is November 15. Applying well before the deadlines is not necessarily better

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greta Satek
Recording Secretary