



MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GLENCOE COMMUNITY RELATIONS FORUM

Village Hall Conference Room
675 Village Court
February 28, 2018 - 6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 6:35 p.m.

| Attendee Name | Title | Status |
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| Community Relations Forum | | |
| David Wood | Chair | Present |
| Steven Arenson | Member | Absent |
| Martin Elisco | Member | Present |
| Margot Flanagan | Member | Absent |
| Julia Eidelman | Member | Present |
| Georgia Mihalopoulos | Member | Present |
| Maureen Valvassori | Member | Present |
| Sasha Von Varga | Member | Absent |
| Robert Young | Member | Present |
| Village Staff | | |
| Sharon Tanner | Assistant Village Manager | Present |
| Others Present | | |
| Dr. Catherine Wang | District 35 Superintendent | Present |

II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 18, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Member Young made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Member Eidelman. Said motion was passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

IV. MEETING WITH DISTRICT 35 REPRESENTATIVE

Chair Wood welcomed District 35 Superintendent Dr. Catherine Wang to the meeting. Dr. Wang discussed District 35's work related to social and emotional learning, as well as academics. Dr. Wang described how District 35 adopted and has implemented the Welcoming and Inclusive Community Pledge and how the District's staff and students participate in community service projects in the Kindness Connection program. Dr. Wang described the District's work to analyze social connectivity in classes and social/emotional challenges that school children may experience. Dr. Wang said that usage of technology

(such as smart phones) and online activity can be very impactful to children and the District reiterates the importance of responsible technology use. Dr. Wang shared that the District continues to provide information to staff and parents regarding pressures to succeed, and the importance of defining success individually. Member Mihalopoulos asked Dr. Wang about statistics related to students entering school a year later than their age cohort, and Dr. Wang responded that there is not much data in this area because the District often does not learn about students entering school later until registration. Member Young asked Dr. Wang about students' and parents' reactions to the school shooting in Parkland, Florida. Dr. Wang shared information about how the schools have facilitated conversations that relate to school curriculum and informed action. She said that the District works closely with Glencoe Public Safety to ensure that it consistently updates information related to school safety.

Member Elisco asked Dr. Wang about community-wide issues that District 35 sees that the Community Relations Forum may be able to address. Dr. Wang responded that stress, anxiety and feelings of disconnection can be an issue, and that awareness of issues outside of the community can be very powerful. Chair Wood asked about the District's staff recruitment efforts and diversity in recruiting, and Dr. Wang explained how the District conducts broad searches of diverse applicant pools. Member Young asked about the impact of smart phone usage among students. Dr. Wang said that smart phone usage is particularly high at Central School, though some students at South School and West School also have smart phones. She shared that the District emphasizes the importance of responsible technology use and disconnecting from technology to focus on learning and social interactions.

Dr. Wang left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The Forum discussed potential opportunities to engage in community connectivity, volunteer opportunities and ways to communicate with the community.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

The Forum discussed holding its next meeting on Wednesday, April 18. Chair Wood shared that he attended the Glencoe Sesquicentennial committee of the whole meeting and that the Forum may wish to support the Sesquicentennial celebration through its activities and programs.

VI. ADJOURN

Motion by Member Eidelman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Valvassori. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.