

Glen Rock High School/Middle School HSA Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2022

Attendance:

Nancy Bermack, Leslie Schraer, Sharon Tishco, Jocelyn Reiman, Kristine Gifford, Megan Findley, Colleen Manley, Holly Goshin, Jennifer Scherer, Michele Schassberger, Ann Boyle, Michele Sapoff, Jackie Pappas, Marissa Storinge, Melanie Santlofer, Kate Wolfe, Paula Hegyi, Lisa Torsiello, Bryon Torsiello, Brett Charleston, Sheila Berard, Heidi Ryan

Welcome & Approval of Minutes (Holly Goshin)

Minutes from April meeting approved. Motion to approve by Michelle Sapoff, second by Jackie Pappas.

Superintendent report (Dr. Charleston)

Removal of mask mandate has brought back a sense of normalcy. Continuing to follow health guidance on contact tracing and isolation. District expects to stay the course through end of year.

Next BOE meeting will include:

- Presentation on security measures. Noted existing measures such as “trap” system, bullet resistant glass, and expanded security team. Board may seek to add additional staff.
- Update on new health curriculum to meet new state standards. Hired an expert to work with staff on updates over the summer. Superintendent has asked them to keep changes moderate. Will send note home to parents sharing what is in the new curriculum and offering an opt-out.
- Diversity Equity & Inclusion committee recommendations. Report will be shared with public.

Note that BOE meetings will now be livestreamed, with cameras operated by the HS broadcast media students. With the new system, public can watch meetings live online but can only comment in person.

Subs have been difficult to find. Have used administration to fill gaps but not sustainable. Based on guidance from the staffing provider have increased rate (up to \$175) and this has helped significantly.

Hiring special education staff has been a challenge. Currently short a few positions for next year.

Kindergarten enrollment 161 students so far – slightly lower than expected. Will maintain the full class sections in case of late enrollments.

Elementary school addition is progressing forward to allow smaller class sizes. Continuing same policy on how kindergarten placements are assigned.

Planning to start boys volleyball next year at HS (spring sport.) To balance, sought to start a girls field hockey team – likely to start in middle school to build interest.

Spending over \$200K to renovate faculty rooms in all buildings into “wellness rooms” for staff. Idea came from a GREA request. Teachers working with a consultant on design and furniture choices. Hope to be done next fall pending supply chain issues.

Principal’s Report (Dr Parent unavailable – report read by Holly Goshin)

There will be summer assignments for AP classes. AP teachers will meet with students during week of June 13 to discuss.

Grade 6 and 9 orientations to be held late August.

All graduation info is posted on website.

HS schedules are in final preparation stages, will be released soon.

HSA Year in Review (Heidi Ryan & Colleen Manley)

Spent \$23 K this year on major items: teacher appreciation, teacher wish list, and wellness initiatives.

- Some examples include funding welcome back signs, Emcee for junior prom, 9th grade movie night, senior breakfast, ice cream days, teacher appreciation week including 160 gift cards, yearbook parties, senior lounge upgrade and many, many more

Suggestion: Can we tag Glen Rock Public Schools when we post pictures of our events so they can share?

Many local businesses donated for teacher appreciation week: John's Boy, Francesca, Merve's, Stone & Rail, Wilkes etc. Many parents also donated gift cards. We were able to give away a gift card to every single teacher at the MS/HS this year for the first time.

Volunteers still hard at work: 8th grade pool party and yearbook signing, Robert Ax awards and more

New Website & Volunteer Sign Ups (Colleen Manley)

HSA just launched a new website: Glenrockhsmhsa.org. Lots of information and also opportunity to renew membership or join the HSA.

Just created a signupgenius for volunteer committees and openings next year. Interested parents can review options on the new website.

Need to replenish funds. HSA has worked hard to spend money on schools and reduce cash balance over past few years. Membership still the top revenue stream but considering a major fundraiser next year.

Membership drive begins today - \$35 per family. Provides you with GroupSpot access. Frequent postings of information from the HSA in a convenient app on your phone including a chat function to allow all HSA members to ask questions or start conversations. Jackie Pappas is the membership chair this year.

Panther flags are available for sale. Can be purchased on website and will be delivered to your house.

Treasurer Report (Ann Boyle)

Did get small additional amounts of funds since April meeting. Includes some unused teacher appreciation donations, box tops funds etc.

Significant recent spending on wellness day, teacher appreciation hospitality and a few other items. 8th grade pool party budget item hasn't been spent yet but will be spent by end of year.

Bookkeeping and accounting fees paid recently.

Expect \$34K in bank at the end of the year – this is higher than the original budget.

Grad Ball 2023 will be a subcommittee of the Glen Rock Education Foundation rather than being done as a sub set of HSA, as in the past.

Ask that anyone running June events please submit expenses as soon as possible to they can be processed before financial year closes June 30.

New Business (Jen Scherer, Ann Boyle)

HSA acknowledges contributions of departing board members: Heidi Ryan, Leslie Schraer, Nancy Bermack. Noted that Holly Goshin and Jen Scherer are moving to Emeritus status.

Voted on 2022-23 Executive Board. New board members approved – unanimous vote.

Proposed adoption 2022-23 Budget as reviewed by Treasurer. Generally similar items to last year. Slightly lower budget for student wellness and appreciation. Slightly higher funds for teacher appreciation. If so - would end year with \$26K in cash. This assumes we meet goals for membership, have successful spirit-wear sale, and also hold a major fundraiser this year. Motion to approve made by Heidi Ryan, seconded by Holly Goshin.

Minutes submitted by Megan Findley – HSA Secretary 2022-23