

MS/HS HSA Meeting

April 8, 2026

Virtual Attendance: Marissa Storinge, Michele Schassberger, Tricia Tisak, Monica Lauro, Michelle Guirlando, Nancy Bermack, Kellie St Laurent, Sarah Goldberg, Valerie Merlin, Kristin Hodges, Lynda Coppola

Welcome and Approval of February 2026 Minutes:

- 1st Motion to approve: Michele Schassberger
- 2nd Motion to approve: Valerie Merlin

MS/HS Principal Update (Ms. Giurlando)

- State Testing
 - new platform and adaptive program – the test adapts to the student and as the student is answering it prompts the next question – we do not know much more about it as it is the inaugural year – kids took it seriously and worked hard
 - Juniors take NJSLA Science – same platform and not adaptive and everyone take the same test 4/27 and 4/28
 - Middle School – adaptive math, science and writing
 - We do not have delayed openings as it is a loss to instructional time for required grades that need to be tested
- Spring sports up and running – lots of events
- Theater Club has spring production 4/16, 4/17 4/18 – Almost Maine a Real Romantic Comedy
- The High School Choir is going to Nashville
- 4/21 – senior meeting – prom, seminar, graduation, award ceremony, etc. meet with them to get them ready and get to the end of the year
- Sophomore Semi Friday, 5/15 –at school
- Spring Vocal concert 4/20
- Coffee House 4/21
- Art Show 5/28
- Senior Prom 5/29
- Jr Prom 6/5
- Middle School Advisory program is every two weeks – 10 -15 students with 2 advisors and focusing on service to the community and serving those in need 8th graders in particular have been going to food bank and volunteering hours
- Assembly for all grades Matt Bellis – making good choices, mental health awareness, comedy, interactive demonstrations
- Mr. Ferrara to do grade level meetings at start of the quarter – focus on what is doing well and where improvements are needed
- 7th grade trip to Philadelphia 5/7 - 5/8
- 8th grade trip to Boston 6/3 - 6/5

TAW Update (Valerie Merlin)

- TAW coming up at the start of May 4th-8th
- Activities planned all week starting with a coffee bar on Monday 7:30-9:30 by Catalano, breakfast sandwiches from Wilkes, sponsored lunch, snack and candy bar, gift cards & raffles
- Thank all the parents that donated, raised ~\$5400
- Jocelyn Reiman and Shire Hochman is their last year – Valerie to continue to chair the event and looking for more committee/co-chairs of 2 people
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Treasurer Update (Kristin Hodges and Tracy Cairol)

- Major changes since last report (2/12/26):
 - Income: No major income changes since last report.
 - Expenses:
 - Wishlist expenses increased
 - 8th grade Service Project busses
 - Musical instruments for Freaky Friday production
 - Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Parent donations of \$5491
 - Coffee pods in Teachers' Lounge
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Wishlist Items Fulfilled:

- Wishlist items are able to be fulfilled by fundraising efforts of the HSA, thank you to all that made this possible
 - Ping Pong Table for Table Tennis Club
 - Trumpet & Guitar professionals for Freaky Friday
 - Wellness Lunch for Volunteers
 - Bagels for Student/Teacher Day
 - GR Road 2(50)Liberty Coloring Book Project
 - Bus for 8th Grade Service Project
 - High School Band Tambourine
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Thank you to all the volunteers:

- Shira Hochman, Jocelyn Reiman, Valerie Merlin & Lalith Sugavanam have volunteered to chair Teacher Appreciation Week. They have already fundraised and are getting ready for an amazing week!! May 4-8th
- Sara Macdonald has volunteered to chair the 8th grade pool party!
- Michele Schassberger will chair Ice Cream Day. We will have a DJ too!
- Yearbook Party committees are in place!
- Lynda Coppola volunteered for the Robert Axe award process and award ceremony!
- AND Thank you to all the volunteers that are on these committees and help out with the other events throughout the year. We truly appreciate everything you do!

Upcoming Events

- Read your weekly Friday bundle from the Principal! Read the Bi-weekly Guidance Dept Newsletter Check the MS/HS Facebook pages :-)
 - Teacher Appreciation Week: May 4th-8th
 - MS/HS Ice Cream Day: June 2nd
 - Last HSA Meeting: June 2nd 9:30am Media Center

Meeting adjourned – 7:30pm