

MS/HS HSA Meeting

December 3, 2025

Virtually : Michele Schassberger, Liz Tullo, Lauren Suero, Kellie St. Laurent, Sheila Berard, Jocelyn Reinman, Kristin Hodges, Katie M., Monica Lauro, Tracy Cairoli, Colleen Manley, Nancy Bermack, Tara Diamond Kule, Lindsay Coppolo

Welcome and Approval of October 2025 Minutes:

- 1st Motion to approve: Kristin Hodges
- 2nd Motion to approve: Kellie St. Laurent

MS/HS Principal Update (Ms. Giurlando)

- Great community service and fundraising from all the students, love to see everyone celebrate the spirit and drive to give back
 - NJHS – canned food drive to donate to food pantry in Patterson prior to Thanksgiving break. Doing a series of events to raise money for CHOPT
 - “Pie a Teacher” – 7th grade teachers volunteered, students bought the raffles and teacher pulled name out of who gets to “pie” the staff – students really enjoyed the event
 - “Guess How Many Candies” Challenge
 - Pajama donation
 - NHS – partnering with Social Services of Ridgewood and surrounding towns – to collect books, games, hats and mittens
 - Wounded Warrior Project – dodge ball game students vs students, students vs teachers
 - Peer to Peer – HS Students and 6th grade classes and work with students on tenants of RULER program - eat together during lunch and do activities designed to increase emotional intelligence
 - Advisory Program – once a month – gives an opportunity to have a voice and concerns they have. Share ideas and try to incorporate
 - Adds to positive culture and nice to see kids getting involved
 - Community Events – 1st preschool Halloween parade – Highschool/Middle School students enjoyed it, ended in media center and boys made an arch for them and it was enjoyable
 - Student Teacher Day – seniors dressing as teachers/vice versa
 - 8th graders went on walking tour of glen rock – learning about town and history
 - Winter Concerts on 12/10 – instrumental 12/17 vocal
 - Grade 5 students will come on 12/11 for concert
 - Coffee House on 12/11
 - Media Arts Slide Show 12/23 – all seniors make videos and projects and whole HS watches

HSA Activities So Far (Michele Schassberger)

- Volunteer Opportunities
 - Desserts for Teacher Holiday lunch 12/15 – catering from Francesca’s and volunteers make/donate desserts
 - Spring there are a lot of events included on the SignUp Genius

Treasurer’s Report (Kristin Hodges)

- Major changes since last report (10/9/25):
 - Income:
 - We surpassed our proposed goal for membership – thankyou all for your support!
 - Spiritwear concluded at less than half our goal.
 - Expenses:
 - Increase of \$2,462 in expenses driven by:
 - \$2004 current and past Wish List Items
 - \$250 donation to SEPAC
 - \$86 domain name website renewal
- Income both positive and negative
 - Passed membership goal
 - Did not meet spritwear goal – fell short by a little more than half
 - Spring fundraiser in spring looking to raise \$5500
 - Any great ideas for fundraiser
- Expenses – increased as expected by \$2400 – primarily due to current and past wishlist items
 - Domain website fee
 - SEPAC

Upcoming Events

- December 15th: Teacher & Staff Holiday Luncheon
- December 17th: Free Donut Day for Students!
- December 23-Jan 4: Holiday Break