

MS/HS HSA Meeting

March 13, 2024

In Person: Colleen Manley, Kate Wolfe, Marissa Storinge, Jackie Pappas, Tara Diamond-Kule, Michele Sapoff, Nancy Bermack, Sharon Heaney, Kevin Carroll, Rebecca Goglia, Lisa Angelastro, Felica Goldberg, Paul Heygi, Elizabeth Calvez, Michelle Schassberger

Virtually: Erin McNulty, Sharon Tischo, Anna, Jocelyn

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

- 1st Motion: J. Papas
- 2nd Motion: K. Hodges

Dr. Charleston Update:

- Budget: board was presented a draft budget on 3/18 – board to approve and will send to county for approval – board will have public hearing where Canellas/Charleston will go into detail for public to comment
- 4 new teaching positions –
 - Special Ed (grades K-12, most likely an elementary school position in Coleman)
 - Art teacher for middle school – full time (currently shared teacher with Coleman)
 - Two unassigned K-12 teachers in budget – held in case something changes with schedule and students moving in before the start of school
- Two additional security guards
 - 6 to 8 hours increase for MS/HS security coverage
- 2 out of district special education placements
- Capital reserve for future projects – pre-k expansion grant, lower field turf replacement, “cool fill” rubberized pellets to keep field cooler and do not need to water in summer, permanent lights at the lower field, culinary room, Coleman roof, 3 year project for elementary sinks, high school stairs outside gym, \$4.9M total
- 121 kids for K registration – 3rd section will be at Coleman

MS/HS Principal Update (Mrs. Giurlando):

- High School
 - “I Wish” campaign – no place for hate
 - 5 major topics narrowed down – team will attend conference in Boston - and come up with action items to have a pilot within the school to implement changes
 - NJGPA (juniors) – Math and English testing
 - HS course request meetings with guidance through March/April
 - Resources available on website – videos, etc
 - Middle School
 - Rising 8th grade parent night –
 - Naviance tutorial for parents provided and available
 - Annie JR. – 5th graders & seniors coming, showtimes Friday 7:30, Saturday 4pm

- No Place For Hate – met with smaller committee made up of different representative from other group and with members of community
- Q: Thank you for sending out survey for buses for Senior Prom. What are the results? A: there will be buses

Ms. Bacolas Update:

- Updates on Selected HS Initiatives
 - Senior Seminar Series
 - Series of life skills workshops offered to seniors between AP exams
 - 3–4-week period after AP exams
 - Cooking, resume building, self-defense, vehicle management, etc.
 - Optional for students – excused from class to attend
 - Student Ambassador Program
 - Serving students new to Glen Rock
 - Student run orientation
 - Structured (lunches/teacher panels) and unstructured/individualized programs 1:1 with an ambassador
 - Ongoing support
 - 15 students transferred to GR this year to HS
 - 8 ambassadors – work 1:1 case by case with students new to school

Peter Renga/Oliver Hegyi/Mr. Vulcano – Men’s Mental Health Activities:

- ICED – Inspiring, Collaboration, Encouraging Discussions
 - Hosts monthly meetings, bring in professional therapists, social workers and guidance counselors as guest speakers
- Stigma surrounding men’s mental health – men are afraid to talk about emotions and their feelings are hidden and makes it worse (see slide in presentation deck)
- Outside of School Mhen2 – nonprofit organization Men Have Emotional Needs 2
- Future (see slide in presentation deck)

President Update

- TAW –May 6-10
 - Fundraising drive ends 3/14 -
 - Planning out the week with different events – pizza lunch Friday, Monday bfast,
 - Goal – every teacher/professionals get some gift
 - Raise \$4 (\$2K from HSA)
 - Sign Up Genius - asking for help to set up and additional donations.
 - Appreciate everyone’s support and all of our teachers and staff for all they do
- 8th Grade Pool Party planning has started
 - Committee selling snacks at Annie Jr. for fundraising
- 8th & 12th Grade yearbook committees have formed
- Robert Ax award
- Spring Spirit wear Sale – target upcoming 5th graders
- Merve’s MS/HS HSA Cookie Fundraiser – graduation/customized cookies

- Treas Report – (see slide)
 - Funded backdrops for HS Musical Beauty and the Beast

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