GLEN ROCK FEDERATED HSA MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2026

9 AM

Byrd Elementary School

Attendees

Michelle Giurlando, Liz Tullo, Jenelle Wise, Kristina Lautermilch, Stephanie Chan, Suzanne Nathanson, Louise Kennan, Andea Misir, Yun Luo, Kristen Hochleutner, Carlos Bedregal, Ken Rota, Merrill Csuri, Erica Krywicki, Kristen Lourido, Raman Sharma, Lindsay Forman, Karen Vander Leest

1. **Welcome**

   Liz Tullo and Louise Kennan open meeting

2. **Approval of Previous Federated HSA Meeting Minutes**

   Liz Tullo and Louise Kennan approved minutes

3. **District Update**

   a. **Superintendent's Report - Ken Rota**

      Introduction. Mr. Rota is not involved in the hiring process of the new superintendent. Cellphone policy update: MS/HS reported 11 infractions so far this year; smooth transition. Overall positive work environment.

   b. **MS/HS Principal Update - Michelle Giurlando**

      Opening of School

      - Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy Implementation
      - GRMS BTSN
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GRMS Transition/Community Building

- Grade level meetings
- Grade 6 “tours”
- Grade 6 Ice Pop Social
- Picture Day
- Club Walkaround
- Advisory - Session 1
- Spirit Week/Pep Rally
- Annual GRMS Social - 10/30

GRHS Events/Activities/Opportunities

- Grade level meetings
- Freshman Breakfast/Class Council Elections
- Principal’s Advisory Committee
- Community Security Committee
- Voter Registration Assembly (11 and 12)
- Club Walkaround
- Spirit Week/Pep Rally
- Homecoming Dance
- Upcoming
    - October 6, Senior Parent/Guardian Post-Secondary Planning Night, 7 PM,Locations TBD
    - October 7, In-School SAT for Seniors, 7:45 AM
    - DATE CHANGE: October 9, Senior Sunrise (rain date 10/16)
    - October 12, Early Dismissal for Students
    - October 13, Counseling Department 9th & 10th Grade Parent/Guardian Night, 7
    - PM via ZOOM
    - October 14, In-School ACT for Seniors, 7:45 AM
    - October 16, Underclass Picture Day, All Day
    - October 17, PSAT/NMSQT Administration, 7:45 AM, Locations TBD
    - DATE CHANGE: October 20, Cabaret Night, 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria
    - October 22, Wellness Fair, 10 AM-2 PM in the HS Gym
    - October 22, Financial Aid Night, 7 PM via ZOOM

c. Elementary School Update - Kelly Hughes

All

- The Elementary schools enjoyed welcoming back our staff and students this month.
- Thank you to all families who attended Back to School

- Night on Wednesday, September 16th.
- A parent information session was held on Wednesday, September 23rd to share updates on our G&T Cogat Assessments that will be administered to all 2nd and 4th grade students across the district.
- Family Ruler Night is scheduled for Thursday, 10/8 6:30at each elementary school.
- Week of Respect is next week! This week all students have the opportunity to participate in a kindness assembly.Thank you to our HAs for sponsoring this meaningful experience.

Byrd

- A huge thank you to our HSA for the many building improvement projects including classroom signs, an outdoor sensory path, an indoor mural, new landscaping, painting in the gym and a full foyer refresh. In addition new furniture for our 5th grade language arts classroom and guidance office are coming.
- We greatly appreciated the welcome back lunch and pizza for Back to School Night!
- Our theme - Be Byrd, is up and running. It was launched with an assembly and a whole school penguin project displayed during Back to School Night. Staff members have acknowledged positive behavior all month long using our new "student shout out" coupons. We will announce the monthly winners during our October assembly..
- We held our first community group where students focused on being a good friend to one another. An activity aligned with identifying similarities and differences occurred onSeptember 23rd.

Central

- Thank you to our amazing HSA for the welcome back lunch for our teachers and the awesome T-shirts! Thank you to the executive board for all of their hard work to get organized for the upcoming school year.
- We loved welcoming our new teachers, students and Families to Central school.
- We are looking forward to our first Families activity next week. With a read aloud of Circles all around us, learning how we all belong.
- Excited for our 5th graders Annual Haunted House, our scarecrows to arrive on Our front lawn and our kindergarten and 5th grade buddy pumpkin patch!
- Our first general HSA meeting is tomorrow at 9:00 am.

Coleman

- Thank you to our amazing HSA for the generous wish list items that our teachers continue to receive! Thank you for the 2 beautiful entrance signs.

- We are off to a great start and so appreciate the opening day coffee and teacher luncheon.
- Next week, we look forward to our Week of Respect assembly on Tuesday and School Photo Day on Wednesday. Our week ends with the Foul Shot Contest on Friday.
- Our first General HSA mtg. Is scheduled for 10/6 at 9AM.

Hamilton

- Thank you so much to our HSA for the beautiful addition to our blacktop, The mural is already well loved and used by our students from K-5. There is a dedication to our beloved Nurse Castelli as well, which we shared with her family.
- The HSA also donated a new Little Lending Library; if you are at Hamilton please feel free to take a book or leave a book for others!
- Our HSA also donated a few new classroom rugs and toys for the centers in our new, third section of Kindergarten.
- Our School Theme this year is "Team Hamilton: What You DoMatters" which will be a yearlong rollout, with related assemblies and activities incorporated throughout the school year, including our Buddies program.
- We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead!

Q&A:

- Do new water fountains on all schools provide PFAS filtrations?
  Likely, but will check the documentation and make this information public
- Any updates on the asbestos report at Byrd?
  All the issues were addressed over the summer break.
- Any feedback from the school community about guns in the building?
  No question nor concerns so far.
- Any updates on the cursive mandate?
  Currently, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades rollout.

d. BOE Update - (not present)

4. Board Officer Updates

a. President's Report - Kristina Lautermilch

Introduction.

b. SEPAC - Karen Vander Leest

Meetings coming up on Oct 5th (ES) and Oct 15th (MS/HS). Request for funds.

c. Directory - Erica Krywicki

Directory is being updated for the 2026-27 school year. Opt-out deadline Oct 2nd.

d. **Secretary - Carlos Bedregal**

   Federated Website updated with new meeting schedule and board members. New Federated Calendar has also been posted.

e. **Calendar - Suzanne Nathanson**

   Federated Calendar is available on the Federated Website. Please continue to email new items for the calendar or updates to existing events.

f. **Treasurer - Jenelle Wise**

Close Meeting

Liz Tullo and Louise Kennan