Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Federated HSA Meeting

**Attendees**

Dr Brett Charleston, Michelle Giurlando, Jodie Craft, Rebecca LoBello, Lindsay Cappello, Janelle Wise, Karen Vander Leest, Stephanie Chan, Suzanne Nathanson, Katelyn Naranjo, Louise Kennan, Liz Tullo, Mark Lemieux, Kara Cretsinger, Kristina Lautermilch, Melissa Strauss, Suzanne Glaser, Andrea Misir, Jenny Gartshteyn

**President’s Report**- Liz Tullo

* Thank you to all of the current Board Members for a great year!

**Approval of Nov 2024 Federated HSA Meeting Minutes-** Katelyn Naranjo, Lindsey Capello

**Vote to Approve Federated Budget for 2025-2026**- Motion Approved- Melissa Strauss, Kara Cretsinger

**Calendar Update** - Lindsay Cappello

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**Vote to Approve Federated Slate of Officers for 2025-2026**- Motion Approved- 17 votes in favor

**Board for 2024-2025**

President- Liz Tullo, Byrd

1st-VP Directory: Kristina Lautermilch, Central

2nd-VP Calendar: Meghan Grant, Hamilton

Secretary: Lindsay Cappello, Coleman

Treasurer: Janelle Wise, MS/HS

**SEPAC Update -** Karen Vander Leest

* Increased communications this past year with an updated website
* Held 6 meetings and 2 parent education nights (Fall/Spring)
* Meeting: June 16th – to set goals for next year
* Requesting HAS contributions for next year
* Requesting a representative from each school to be a POC for SEPAC. Currently looking for representatives from Coleman and Hamilton.

**Elementary School Update-** Jodie Craft

* Celebrated Take Your Child to Work Day on April 21st.
* Celebrated Teachers
* Completion of NJ State Testing for ELA
* Kindergarten orientation is on May 28th
* Teacher of the Year will be celebrated during BOE Meeting on June 9th
* Elementary Back to School Night – September 18th

**Byrd**

* Multicultural Night - April 4th
* World Penguin Day - April 25th
* Author Visit - April 30th
* Art Show - May 6th
* Spring Concert 1, 2, 3 - May 9th
* Community Groups - Last meeting Courage

Coming Up:

* Battle of the Books June 2
* Field Day June 6
* 5th Grade Pool Party June 10
* Byrd Awards Assembly June 16
* Class Day June 18 at 10:00

**Central**

* Thank you to Mr. Malone and our amazing 4th and 5th grade musicians for a beautiful Spring concert.
* We are looking forward to our second grade patriotic sing tomorrow
* We had our first International night last Friday. Thank you to our amazing HSA and all of our parent volunteers. It was a beautiful night.
* Looking forward to field day, art show, 5th grade moving up ceremony and all of our exciting end of the year events.
* Thank you for a wonderful year.

**Coleman**

After nearly a year’s wait, our Space Ball is finally here! Our 5th graders use it daily at recess and our whole school enjoys it after school and on the weekends. A huge thank you to our Coleman School HSA!

A few highlights from the last month:

* 4/28-Circus
* 5/2-Art Show

Looking ahead:

* 5/22-Spring Concert/International Night
* 5/29-Field Day
* 6/11-K/1-Sing
* 6/13-Patriotic Sing-Grade 2
* 6/18-Moving Up Ceremony-9AM
* *On behalf of the Coleman School family, best wishes for a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer!!*

**Hamilton**

Highlights from the early Spring:

* 4/29- Mr Frey and our 4th and 5th graders put on a wonderful Spring Concert, which included both vocal and instrumental performances.
* 5/9 - Our 3rd graders showed off their musical skills at their Recorder Concert.
* 5/12 - Our 2nd grade classes visited the Sterling Hill Mineral Mine, a trip that aligns with one of their science units of study.

Coming Up:

* Monthly Student Council “Wacky Wednesday” for May is Sunglasses Day
* Spring Book Fair sponsored by our HSA
* 5/27 to 6/6 - our entire school will participate in a friendly game of “Penny Wars” - Grade-level teams will compete against each other to raise the most number of positive points (done by having the most pennies in their jars); All Proceeds will be donated to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
* 5/28 - Art Show from 3 PM - 6 PM
* 5/31 - 2nd Grade Orff Instrument Concert and Writing Publishing Party
* 6/4 - 3rd Grade will host their annual Wax Museum as a culminating event for their Biography Research Unit
* 6/5 - Rising 5th Grade Families Information Session at Hamilton at 9 AM in the gym to learn more information about the 5th grade departmentalization next year.
* 6/6- Field Day
* 6/19- 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony at 9:30

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

**Middle School**

* Continuing the advisory programs. This is the 2nd year of the new curriculum.
* Instrumental concert last week / vocal concert is happening this week
* No Place for Hate – Earned recognition 2nd year in a row
* May 22nd is Community Fair is geared this year around resources and organizations and how to build community with themselves
* Spring Art Show – May 22nd from 6-8pm
* NHS Induction – May 21st
* 8th grade – Boston Trip; Pool Party; Year book signing; promotion signing
* 6/7th grade – Get out and Play: Play Day scheduled for June 11th

**High School**

* Seniors Future Paths Day: June 11th
* HSA Ice Cream Day – June 3rd
* Senior Awards Sports/Academics / Induction Awards
* Senior Prom / Junior Prom
* Final Exams
* HS Graduation June 24th

**Superintendent Report**- Dr Brett Charleston

**BOE**

* 25/26 budget approved on Monday with a 3.88% increase

**District**

* Elementary World Language: Mandarin has been a home-run
* Kindergarten Registration is currently sitting at 164; 9 sections; 3rd section is at Coleman
* Restructured supervisors: 6-12; Elementary supervisor curriculum; GTE supervisor: June 9th position (10 month; 10 day)

**Capital Projects**

* + Stadium Field / Track – start after graduation
  + High School Stairs – to be started
  + Elementary sinks: year 2 of 3 of replacing them
  + Elementary painting: year 2 of 3