

**Glen Rock Federated HSA Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 17, 2022**  
**Zoom - 7 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

Sharon Tishco, Kristin Hodges, Jackie Pappas, Dr. Brett Charleston, Mike Escalante, Irene Pierides, Jen Scherer, Samantha Hiskey, Carolyn Stallone, Cathy Lee, Jyoti Israni, Orlee Goldfeld, Kathryn Morris, Monica Lauro, Tina Bacolas, Jenelle Wise, Kellie St. Laurent, Marissa Storinge, Lauren Schept, Jackie Pucci, Lynda Coppola, Kristen Hochleutner, Valerie Merlin, Stacy Hendl, Katie Gibs

**1. President's Report – Sharon Tishco**

- Sharon welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Our website, [grfederatedhsa.org](http://grfederatedhsa.org), has all the documents from Federated available.
- The calendar is in great shape.
- There are no updates to the directory.
- There are also no updates from our Treasurer, Jackie Pappas.
- Our next and last Federated Meeting for the school year is 5/10.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

There were no corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting, so they were fully approved.

**3. SEPAC – Orlee Goldfeld**

- Thank you to the Federated HSA for posting SEPAC meeting minutes and for all the donations. The donations are going toward scholarship fund for a Special Education graduate.
- SEPAC is following a new format for their meetings. There are the “Parent Only” meetings and District meetings where the information from the Parent meetings is presented at the District meetings. The next District meeting is 3/29 and the topic is “Helping Our Children Cope.” Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions or need to reach us, please email [glenrock.sepac@gmail.com](mailto:glenrock.sepac@gmail.com). All meeting information can be found on Federated’s website - [grfederatedhsa.org/sepac](http://grfederatedhsa.org/sepac)

**4. Superintendent Update – Dr. Brett Charleston**

- Kindergarten registration is going well with 146 students signed. We are expecting 50 more.
- In budget-related news, we received \$150,000 additional funds from the state that will be deposited in the capital reserve fund.
- We are looking to bring in 5 new positions:
  1. 3 new Special Education teachers
  2. 1 WPL (work place learning) teacher
  3. 1 K-12 unassigned position
- The district is creating “Wellness” rooms in all schools. These rooms will be on the agenda at next Monday’s BOE meeting and will hopefully be able to share the renderings at that time.
- Dr. Charleston will hold office hours on 4/4/22 from 4:30pm - 6pm. The topic will be the budget. This is an opportunity for a Q and A in a less formal setting.
- The Hamilton addition is still moving forward. We will receive bids July/August and will hopefully be complete by September 2023.
- As for masks, quarantines, close contacts.... The cases are minimal. We will continue contact tracing as recommended by the Department of Health.

**5. Middle School Update – Mike Escalante**

- We just had our performance, Matilda. Everyone did a great job and we had a fantastic turnout. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders were also able to attend the dress rehearsal.

- Spring sports are about to begin. We're excited to have track, baseball and softball back in session.
- Spirit Week is coming up next week. The student council put together some fun days, ending the week with a pep rally next Friday.
- 7<sup>th</sup> graders are taking a trip to Camp Mason. This is an overnight retreat that will focus on team building activities.
- 4/22 is the spring social.
- NJALS testing is at the end of April.
- The Spring Concert and Art Show will both be on 5/4.

#### 6. High School Update – Tina Bacolas

- Spring sports are already underway.
- Our choir is heading to Orlando the week before Spring Break.
- SEL day is 4/21
- We hosted 17 high schools from NJ for a robotics competition. Glen Rock qualified for states, which was a great accomplishment.
- Proms, graduation, socials, a spring pep rally, etc. are all in motion and everyone is thrilled to get back to these functions.

#### 7. Elementary School Principal Update – Irene Pierides (Hamilton)

##### All Schools:

- Initial RULER training for teams is ending soon and all schools are preparing to plan for implementation.
- 2/14 - Kindergarten registration has 146 kids so far.
- 2/15-Celebrated 100th Day with no homework
- 3/7-Smooth transition to no masks. Guidance counselors visited all classrooms in advance to talk about respecting others' choices.
- 3/10-5th Grade Field Trip to MS Musical.
- Read Across America Week was celebrated in all schools.
- Spring Break 4/11-4/15
- May testing dates (NJSLA )for grades 3, 4, and 5 - May 10 & 11 for the ELA, May 17 & 18 for math, and May 23 & 24 for 5th grade science

##### HAMILTON

- Breakfast in School - promoting nutrition and healthy eating catered by Gianella's. Thank you to the many parent volunteers.
- Science - Science Fair & That Physics Show
- Book Fest coming up 3/22 celebrating literacy - parents volunteer and work with students in literacy centers.

##### BYRD

- Looking forward to Byrd Science Fair on 3/31
- Harlem Wizards Game was a huge success. Thanks to our HSA for this wonderful event.
- New family tours of Byrd School will happen March 29th and March 31st.

##### COLEMAN

- Our Choose to Be Nice Value for March is Honesty. School wide read aloud conducted on 3/3.
- We look forward to our Coleman Science Fair on 3/30 and our Musical (Lion King) on 4/23 at Central School!
- Looking forward to our first assembly on April 19.

- Sad to announce that our nurse, Ms. Wright, will be retiring at year's end. Mrs. Drum left on March 4 for maternity leave. Happy to announce Ms. Erica Melz has replaced her till the end of year.

#### CENTRAL

- Souper Bowl - All students wore their favorite sports jersey and the we collected soup for the Community Food Bank of NJ
- Kindergarten parents enjoyed a presentation during the last week in February. Students showed off their musical talents by sharing some Valentine's Day themed songs.
- Looking forward to our first assembly on March 16th - Prismatic Magic Laser Light Show.
- Looking forward to our STEM Fair on March 23, 2022.

#### 8. Board of Education Update – Dr. Brett Charleston

- There was a BOE Community Day on 3/5 that was well attended and productive. It focused on 3 areas:
  1. HS/MS – preparing students for real world experiences
  2. Elementary – educating every student as a whole. All students are gifted in one way or another, so they discussed focusing on emotional intelligence.
  3. Budget exercise – They separated people into groups and asked them to provide a budget keeping specific items in mind. The purpose was to experience how difficult it is to budget with different needs and interests.

#### 9. Questions – No questions

#### 10. Motion to adjourn the meeting – Sharon Tishco