

MINUTES
Glen Rock Federated HSA Meeting
Thursday, May 13, 2021
Zoom - 7 p.m

Attendees:

Colleen Manley, Julia Wang, Brian Mcguire, Bryan Youngberg, Cathy Lee, Charles Tonb, Charu Agarwal, Christa Folco, Erica Bratspies, Heather Olenick, Jenelle Wise, Kellie St. Laurent, Krista LaCroix, Kristin Hodges, Lauren Suero, Lisa Torsiello, Marina Skurko, Megan Findley, Meredith Dallas, Michelle Giurlando, Mike Escalante, Nicole Crifo, Rona McNabola, Sharon Tishco, Shilpa Vaidya Mehta, Sinead Rundell, Stephanie Carosella, Valerie Merlin, Xavier Olenrick, Tina Bacolas

1. Welcome & Introductions

Colleen Manley welcomed everyone to the last Federal HSA Meeting of the year. Colleen spoke on how she would introduce the next Federal board at the meeting and she looked forward to the transition to the next board.

2. Votes:

a. Approval of March 2021 Minutes

The minutes were approved by Heather Olenick and Christa Folco.

b. Vote on Updates to Bylaws

The bylaws are updated to replace the reference of the Federated HSA Officer positions to the Second Vice President with the Executive Board Member of each elementary school.

The Bylaws were approved by the Board.

c. Presentation and Vote on 2021-2022 Exec Board

The new HSA Federal BOD is approved by Lauren Suero and Katie Gibbs.

President (Byrd)	Sharon Tishco
VP - Directory (Central)	Julia Wang
VP – Calendar (Hamilton)	Heather Olenick
Secretary (Coleman)	Kristin Hodges
Treasurer (GRMS/HS)	Jackie Pappas

d. Presentation and Vote on 2021-22 Budget

The budget is approved by Lauren Suero and Katie Gibbs.

3. Board Officer Updates

a. President's Report – Colleen Manley

- Colleen expressed thank to the work done by the school, especially Dr. Charleston. The Federated HSA presented a gift card to Dr. Charleston for all the hard work and leadership he presented to the school district under the pandemic environment.

b. Online Directory Update– Colleen Manley

- There will be an interface update of the online directory on MobileArq. The new directory will be launched in fall this year.
- The board was recently notified that someone used the email provided from the online directory for some marketing activities. Colleen reiterated that on the Pdf version of the directory, it is cleared stated the directory is for personal use only, not for marketing purpose. The board will further look into this to determine what caused the misuse of the information.

c. Calendar Update – Stacy Hendl

- Stacy mentioned that the Calendar has been currently updated.

d. Treasurer Update – Heather Olenick

- Heather Olenick shared that the expenses have been paid up to date.

e. SEPAC update – Nicole Redmond

- Nicole shared that there is a webpage for SEPAC on the Federated HSA website.
- Nicole Redmond mentioned that there is transition support for students from 5th grade to 6th grade and from 8th grade to 9th grade. There is recently a new LDTC Specialist Ed introduced. The SEPAC meeting Minutes will be on website for details.

4. District Updates

a. Superintendent update - Dr. Brett Charleston

- Dr. Charleston mentioned that he looks forward to working with the new board
- Dr. Charleston also explained Victoria is the new LDTC special Ed, who is based in Byrd.
- Also there are 2 new hired teachers for special Ed, who are based in Coleman,
- The school is working on bring students back to school. CDC has new guidance regarding mask wearing. The school still requires students to wear masks at school.
- Based on the latest information, the COVIC 19 vaccine is available at the local pharmacy to offer to 12-15 years students.

- Dr. Charleston anticipate that the school will open for full day in Sept. 5 days a week. There will still have virtual school options for students from the NJ state.
- The Seniors will come back full time next Monday.
- Students from 6th grade to 11th grade should consult with school counsel to discuss any issues if they struggle with study or have any emotional concerns.
- Year-end events are move forward. By Memorial weekend, more venue will be open.
- There will be curriculum write-up in summer. The curriculum rewrite will include change of sequences and updates from the state.
- Middle school reimaging program will move forward, Administrators have been trained already.
- The Capital projects are delayed due to short staffed at the State for capital approval. NJDOE requires to approve school capital projects. Unit attached for classroom air condition ventilation system will be installed in summer.

b. Middle/High School Principal Update – Mr. Mike Escalante

- Trip planning is going on. The Six Flag trip, 8th grade pool party, Graduation are all under planning. Mr. Escalante hope after Memorial day there will be more clarity regarding those events.
- In June there will have middle school musical play performed outdoor
- For Elemental school 5th grade, there will be preparation for students to transit to middle school. In Central School there will be a Parent night to meet Principal next Monday.
- If students want to come back to school, they should work with administration on the specific cases.
- Last week was the teacher appreciation week. Teachers appreciated the activities sponsored by the HSA.
- In the High School Year end events will happen as scheduled. Next Friday it will be the junior prom. Speaker will be invited to discuss underage drinking.
- On June 2 there will be the Senior scholarship and on June 3 there will be the athletic ceremony. On June 4 is the junior prom and on June 5 is the Senior Prom. Each event there is a capacity limit of 500 person.

c. Elementary School Principal Update – Krista La Croix

- On Behalf of all the elementary principals, Ms. La Croix would like to thank our respective HSAs for the wonderful ways you have recognized our Teachers last week for Teacher Appreciation. We are all looking forward to our end of the year events including Field Day, 5th grade Colonial Day. Kindergarten Orientation and celebrating our 5th graders with special events.
- Byrd - The Byrd Student Council hosted Super Hero Day on Thursday, May 29. They proudly collected over 200 cards for the essential workers of Valley Hospital. The school is proud of their efforts. On May 12, the fabulous students

performed HS Musical for their parents and friends. Many thanks to our HSA for making this event possible. Beginning on May 27th, the Byrd Community will be participating in a week-long residency with Mindful Murals. Together as a school, the students will be creating banners, enjoying music, and practicing mindfulness to celebrate the success this school year.

- **Coleman School**-The Drama Club recently performed *HS Musical*. It was great to see the students come together and enjoy this wonderful performance. Coleman's Moving Up ceremony will take place at 10 AM and 2 guests per graduate are invited! The Student Council is collecting cereal boxes for local food pantries. The school has a fun activity planned with the boxes prior to donating them...think dominoes! The school thank Coleman HSA for the great treats and delicious lunch last week!
- **Central School** -On May 5th Central School participated in a virtual hands-on Science assembly. The school thanks the HSA presidents for supplying and organizing all of the supplies. The school is looking forward to Circus week beginning this Monday, May 17th, followed by the 5th grade performance, and are super excited for our mascot reveal on Friday, May 21st. The Student Council wrote and delivered thank you notes to local businesses.
- **Hamilton School** - Hamilton School held a virtual Multicultural Celebration this year. The families did an amazing job posting zoom cooking lessons, read alouds, history lessons, crafts and many more. The school celebrated 19 different cultures this year and look forward to having the Festival live next school year! The Hamilton School community is looking forward to May 22 and 23 when everyone all get together to start work on our Discovery Zone. Discovery Zone is a play area for students that focuses on nature, creative thinking, and having flexible, open-ended play.
- On behalf of all the principals, Ms. La Croix is thankful to all of the HSA's for their continued support and efforts to make the teachers feel appreciated.

d. Board of Education Update – Sharon Scarpellin

- Sharon is happy to announce that G.R.E.A (Glen Rock Education Association) representatives have reached agreement and signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Board of Education on the next contract with the district.

e. Student Services/Guidance Update – Michelle Giurlando

- Michelle commented that there is increase communication and elaboration among the schools.
- In the elementary schools, student services meet every 2 weeks to discuss district initiative, resiliency on children, etc.
- Students are encouraged to learn to speak same language for better communication.

- There are collaboration with middle school and high school as well.
- The school will add new program for the rising 6th grade students.
- High school will make staff accessible to students to choose class online.
- There will be workshop for rising seniors.
- There will be career fair in person next year for hiring.

f. Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Teams – Shilpa Mehta & Marina Skurko

- Shilpa presented that the team from Coleman attended the Odyssey of the Mind (OOTM) 101 and made to the State Final
- This year it is the second time that the Team from Coleman attended the OOTM.
- OOTM is the world’s greatest creative problem-solving program.
- The Coleman team used technology and google doc to work together on the OOTM project.
- There are only 3 teams from Short Hill, Oradell and Coleman from north jersey attend the OOTM this year.

5. Questions

- Nicole Crifo commented on the CRAN (Community Relations Advocacy Network) program and mentioned that there will have DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) established in each school.

6. Motion to Adjourn the meeting - Colleen Manley