

Glen Rock Federated HSA Meeting
Wednesday, Oct 21, 2020
Zoom - 7 p.m

Attendees:

Colleen Manley, Christa Folco, Julia Wang, Stacy Hendl, Heather Olenick, Brett Charleston, Michael Parent, Jodie Craft, Sharon Scarpelli, Jen Scherer, Alison Pappalardo, Susan Habler, Emily Sadowski, Hilary Gerber, Jaclyn Patti, Sinead Rundell, Dina Jacobs, Michele Sapoff, Nancy Bermack, Holly Goshin, Sheila Berard, Valerie Merlin, Neetu Arora, Stephanie Carosella, Cheryl Sara, Julie Hattersly, Monica Lauro, Nicole Redmond, Anna Movsesian, Jen Casey, Lynda Coppola, Katie Gibbs, Melisa Novick, Leslie Schraer, Erica Bratspies, Louise Kennan, Liz Behar, Sharon Israel, Lisa Torsiello, Moira Nolfo, Ann Boyle, Melissa Antonelli, Jessica Miele, Andrea Ceres, Pam Diamond, Lauren Munshower, Allison Cassin.

1. President's Report

Colleen Manley welcomed everyone to the meeting, gave a short description of the Federated HSA and highlighted all of the hard work that the HSA Presidents have been doing this year reinventing how they support each of their schools. Colleen encouraged everyone to support their HSAs. A few of the new events are happening this week:

- Central School reinvented their Haunted House. It will be outdoors. People need to sign up for a time slot through signupgenius. There are still spots available for this Friday and Saturday. Go to Centralhsa.org for more information and to sign up.
- The Elementary School HSAs are co-sponsoring a drive-in movie event at Demarest Farm. The movie is Hocus Pocus. About 20 tickets are left at this time. Email Byrd.vp.activities@gmail.com to inquire about tickets.
- The MS/HS HSA is running their Spiritwear sale through October 30. Lots of comfortable items with Glen Rock labeling, some with Panthers. Go to GlenRockSpiritWear.com to see all of the items and order.

2. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Charleston noted one change to be made to the minutes from the May 2020 meeting. Half-days will now begin on a 2 hour delay, not at the time specified in the notes. With that change, minutes were approved by Heather Olenick and Katie Gibbs.

3. Approval of Julia Wang as new Federated Secretary

Approved by Christa Folco and Monica Lauro.

4. Board Officer Updates

- Online Directory Update

Christa Folco reported that she is currently in process of reviewing the new school year information in MobileArq and will be announcing that the new Online Directory is being

launched within the week. Every family will get an email invitation and can update their personal information. The launch will be announced via HSAs and Facebook.

- Federated Calendar Update

Stacy Hendl updated the group on the status of the Calendar. HSA Presidents are in the process of updating events for November and December. Changes are due October 26. The latest calendar can always be found at grfederatedhsa.org/federated-calendar.

- Treasurer Update

Heather Olenick shared that two expenses have occurred so far this year: funding for the New Teacher breakfast and the down payment for the Online Directory with MobileArq.

- SEPAC update

Nicole Redmond shared the dates for the district-wide SEPAC meetings: Nov 11, Jan 12, March 9, and May 11: all at 7pm. SEPAC is like the "HSA for Special Education Families.

5. District Updates

- Superintendent update - Dr. Brett Charleston

- a. Dr. Charleston explained the decision-making process regarding keeping high school close for 2 days after the school was notified 2 high school students were confirmed of COVID-19 positive last Saturday. The case did not originate from the school. The school checked the NJ health department school guidance which includes a COVID-19 regional risk matrix to determine school closure. According to the matrix, under the scenario that 2 or more cases within 14 days, but are linked to an exposure outside the school setting (e.g., in same household, exposed at the same event outside of school), school remains open since the case was not originated from the school in this case. In addition, the school nurse was consulted for opinion. Based on the school closure matrix established, the school should be closed for 2-5 days for proper tracing. Considering Wednesday is a virtual day, the school determined to close High school Monday and Tuesday. The decision is made based on the NJ health department school guideline which was determined to be used as a guideline to follow for the school. In addition, the school will follow written instructions provided by the county. BOE was notified of the incident and Dr. Charleston had multiple discussions with the BOE to determine the actions taken during the weekend.
- b. The school will always comply with the school guidelines and PPE. Superintendents met Monday to discuss the school closure practice as currently there is no guidance provided by the county and there is inconsistency among different schools regarding school closure decisions.

- Middle/High School Principal Update – Dr. Michael Parent

- a. Dr. Parent mentioned there will be a Food Truck Festival. In addition, this Friday 10/23 the game against neighboring Hawthorne at Alan Deaett Field will be Homecoming for the Glen Rock High School football team.

- b. High school did the first student assembly online. It was initiated by 4 senior students who approached Dr. Parent in summer as they would like to do something for the school before they graduate. 85 students attended the online assembly to discuss self-awareness and other challenges Junior and Senior students may face as there are more activities. There are speakers invited to the event and the assembly would like to help change student culture if possible.
 - c. There are new chromebook laptops available for Middle school students, which will be distributed to students soon.
 - d. The week of 10/5 is the Week of Respect. The week of 10/26 is the Week of Violence Awareness.
- Elementary School Principal Update – Jodie Craft
 - a. The Elementary Schools would like to welcome all of our HSA families to the new school year! We have been in school for 28 days!!
 - b. Each of the four HSA's held a delicious luncheon for their staff. School pictures were held at each school for both hybrid and virtual students.
 - c. The very first "virtual" Back to School Night was held on 10/1.
 - d. The first district "No HW DAY" is scheduled for Wed., 10/28. The school encourages families to spend some quality time together!
 - e. The Elementary faculty and staff continue to be extremely appreciative for all that our HSA's do! The school also like to thank all parents for reinforcing the rules of mask wearing and social distancing with the students.
 - f. The Week of Respect was held 10/5-10/9. Each of the school counselors was able to visit every classroom to conduct special lessons on treating others respectfully.
 - g. At Coleman School, the highlight of the year so far was their Pumpkin Patch held on 10/9. Students enjoyed picking their own pumpkin as well as having mums available for our parents! They look forward to a free throw contest on 10/23 and the Masked Principal Contest to be held on 10/30. Coleman students will have the opportunity to guess which costume Mr. Thompson will be wearing!
 - h. Central school would like to thank their amazing 5th grade parents and students for finding a safe way to continue their tradition. Hope the students enjoy the Central School Scarecrows - the fall festival was a huge success on October 3rd.
 - i. At Hamilton, the Week of Respect was held 10/5-10/9. Hamilton had a temporary counselor, Gina Bellacera, who did an amazing job of promoting respect and kindness with lessons and fun projects with all students. Hamilton school would like to thank Ms. Bellacera for her time with the school. Hamilton is celebrating Halloween a little differently this year. Their H.S.A. has planned a fun Halloween activity for families with the Great Pumpkin Walk and Contest. They hope to see all families come out. Hamilton fifth graders are selling Boo Grams for friends and teachers as part of their fundraising efforts.
- Board of Education Update – Sharon Scarpelli
 - a. Ms. Sharon discussed the new BOD meeting protocols. The purpose of the new meeting protocol is to enable the public to attend the meeting and allow people to

speak. 10 people will be allowed to be on site and ask questions. The agenda will be available on 10/26. The BOD resolution will be included in the meeting agenda.

- b. In the last meeting, the board goals were approved, which provided the roadmap to the superintendent for the school district. The annual School Board Trip to Atlanta is virtual this time. More details will be reported in the next board meeting.

6. Questions

- a. There was a question regarding middle school pictures. Dr. Parent replied that he is working with the photographer on the school year book. Students attending school virtually will be included in the year book.
- b. There was a question regarding whether the school will consider having 14 virtual school days after Thanksgiving considering the activities around the time. There are other schools implementing such arrangements. Dr. Charleston said he would consider and will further discuss with the school. There is no answer yet.
- c. Ms. Manley provided updates relating to the Community school. The Community school continues to have fall classes for children and adults. In addition, there are special school programs for 11/5-11/6. The community school is still open for elementary school after care programs.

7. Motion to Adjourn the meeting - Colleen Manley