

Federated HSA Meeting Minutes

Central School

January 24, 2019 9:00 am

Attendees: Colleen Manley, Erica Bratspies, Michelle Schassberger, Mara Trager, Alix Schafer, Heidi Ryan, Barbara Gomes, Sinead Rundell, Heidi Ryan, Allison DeMeulder, Bruce Watson, Brian Pepe, Sharon Scarpelli, Felicia Goldberg, Liz Songzoni, Jennifer Lota, Kate Fanelli, Tania Grove, Amy Handler, Lynda Coppola, Melissa Antonelli, Sheila Berard, Ms. LaCroix, Anna Weyant

1. Welcome & Introductions: Colleen Manley & Erica Bratspies
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Sinead Rundell, seconded by Katie Fanelli. Motion to approve passes unanimously.
3. Community School Update: Allison DeMeulder reported that Summer Camp registration is ongoing, with discounted early bird registration happening now thru February 8, 2019. Preschool registration for returning families and new families is this Saturday. Also this Sat is SAT Practice Test proctored by Princeton Review (fundraiser for CS/HSA). Summer Camp registration is going out soon and CS is looking for counselor applications for students aged 16 and over (new policy).
4. Federated Calendar Report: Updates and upcoming events include:
 - a. 8th Grade Parent Meeting on January 31
 - b. Byrd Spring Concert May 24 (K-3rd)
 - c. Hamilton Color Run Kick Off May 3
 - d. Sepac Meeting February 28 (district)
 - e. Please send Alix and GRFederatedHSA@gmail.com any updates for the bi-weekly updates.
5. Board Officer Updates
 - a. Treasurer – Michele Schassberger -
 - i. Jets day fundraiser raised \$465
 - ii. All schools have paid their \$100 dues
 - iii. Considering 2019 Jets Day Fundraiser again
 - b. Presidents: Welcome to Mr. Watson to provide information on the upcoming referendum.

6. District Updates

a. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Watson

- i. Referendum: Thank you to parents for their involvement. The public will vote on the referendum on March 12 from 6am to 8pm at your regular polling station.
- ii. Background: The BOE spent a lot of time preparing this over the last year before the BOE voted to approve going forward with the referendum. BOE has umbrella goals of Student Safety, Health and Well-Being to focus on how each student is doing and the referendum fits perfectly into those goals because each project reflects each of those goals.
 - 1) 4 projects:
 - A/C for all four elementary schools
 - Renovation of the Central School Auditorium to address safety and accessibility issues, alleviate congestion at the MS/HS auditorium, and improve opportunities to rent the space to outside groups by adding professional lighting and sound system.
 - Renovation of the MS/HS Media Center: to provide more space for classroom instruction using modular walls, recondition the Media Center to provide better air flow and safer building materials, emulate a college campus learning environment, provide flexible furniture arrangements to facilitate different learning opportunities, add a Maker Space room to provide opportunities to engage in STEM learning and add a Broadcast Studio to enhance curriculum offerings and experience.
 - Renovate Hamilton Fields: new sod, new irrigation system, used by all town children, new skins on baseball diamonds.
 - 2) Cost: \$14,718,320 total and debt-service aid from NJ will reduce taxpayer's share to \$10,214,890 which represents approximately 40% aid on eligible projects (excludes field as ineligible). Tax impact won't be felt until 2020 when the bonding schedule setting either a 15 or 20 year bond maturity date is determined. Assume \$31 per \$100,000 of assessed value in tax cost if a 20 year bond.
 - 3) Please see referendum@glenrocknj.org for additional information and FAQs.
 - 4) Please help spread the word about the referendum.

7. Elementary School Principal Update – Ms. LaCroix

a. Overview –

- largest Kindergarten registration in over 7 years with 170 students. Last registration is on 3/21 at Hamilton.
- Thank you to elementary HSAs for helping to send guidance counselors to training
- 2/13 Mindfulness/Stress Reduction workshop at Hamilton
- **Central –**

- Souper Bowl: please donate cans of soup
- Bash the Trash Assembly was a huge hit
- Anna Kang and Chris Weyant on February 21 to present workshop
- Bingo this Friday!

Hamilton –

- Week of Circus was a huge success
- 3rd-5th Concert was earlier in the month and went very well
- HSA gave diffusers and flexible seating as part of their Health and Well-Being goals.

Byrd –

- Community Groups “Be Brave, Be Bold, Be Byrd” groups to develop themes
- Chef Kraft: Lunch with Ms. Kraft for everyone to get to know each other better, kids love it and ask great questions.

Coleman -

- Coleman Café on January 11 was very popular as always
- Campgaw tubing was fun for all
- Officer Matt came for a safety assembly
- Science Fair on March 6-7

8. MS/HS Principal Updates – Mr. Pepe

- At the HS: Winter sports doing great, especially the wrestling program. Robotics doing and will be hosting a competition on February 23. School safety team bringing in an assembly in conjunction with Budweiser for Juniors and Seniors on the dangers of Drunk Driving. Mama Mia musical goes on stage February 7-9, tickets will sell out so be sure to get yours.
- At the MS: Yearbook orders are due on February 22. Fall Fling was a big success. Winter Recess is going strong, students play the sport they’re studying in gym on alternate days during lunch. On March 9 is the Science Olympiad.

9. Board of Education Update – Sharon Scarpelli

- BOE currently working on the budget. The Budget Wishlist was presented visually this year to the BOE members so they can really see what every administrator is asking for. The Superintendent search is ongoing and the second round of interviews will take place in late February/March with the goal of hiring someone before Mr. Watson leaves. The Security Radios issue is being fixed, a contract has been awarded and the work will take place over the summer. The teacher contract was approved and ratified at the last meeting.

10. Curriculum and Instruction Report – Dr. Regan

- Teachers have been busy with a lot of professional development.

- b. 5 year review: currently heavy into math and science review/development and has been studying how well our curriculum performs compared to other high performing districts.
- c. The Math Specialist is working with BSI and Special Education teachers as well as grade level teachers. The teachers continue to implement the EDM4 math program while learning new strategies and techniques to meet the needs of all students.
 - Grades 6-12 are transitioning to a new science program.
 - K-2 teacher trainers have helped to roll out chrome books in K-2 classrooms.
- d. Schoology rollout going well, teachers really like it as a teaching tool.

11. New Business

- a. Relay for Life – Barbara Gomes
 - i. Overnight cancer fundraiser June 1 & 2. Combined GR and Fair Lawn. This year will be held at GRHS. Kickoff next Thursday with a Chili Championship which will be a fun community event.

Motion to adjourn: Made at 10:45 am by Sinead Rundell.