

Tuesday October 11th 2022

Federated HSA Meeting Notes

Attendees: Marissa Storinge, Dr. Brett Charleston, Dr. Parent, Krista LaCroix, Jenelle Wise, Su Kang, Kristin Hodges, Sharon Tishco, Allison Sidorsky, Marcela Landreau, Megan Findley, Liz Tullo, Jyoti Israni, Sheila Berard, Luna Newton, Lynda Coppola, Kristen Kurth, Colleen Manley, Katie, Fanelli, Ed Hayward, Valerie Merlin, Kim Desmond, Jessica Natalizi

Presidents report - Marissa Storinge

- Marissa introduced herself and the Federated Board
- Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting(5/10), so they were fully approved. Kristin Hodges and Jessica Natalizio.

Treasurer's Report - Su Kang

Our current balance is \$3265.09. Each school contributes \$500 to Mobile Arq for the directory.

- Major expenditure is directory and domain.

Directory Update - Kristin Hodges

- Mobile Arq will be updated by the end of the month.
- Mobile Arq has a new look, instructions will be emailed out when the website is live.
- HSA's to promote the launch.

SEPAC

- Thank you to the Federated HSA for hosting SEPAC on its webpage. Thank you in advance to the HSAs for your annual donations to SEPAC.
- SEPAC's first meeting was on 10/3 for parents and guardians only. Issues that were raised included:
 - The lack of aides in elementary, middle and high school;

- The revised student tardiness policy in the high school
 - Teachers projecting confidential 504 information in classrooms
 - Ongoing inconsistent use of technology by teachers.
- SEPAC will have a full meeting with administration on 10/17 at 7:00p.m. by Zoom. The Zoom link has been shared on various Facebook pages. If you would like to be included on SEPAC's email list, please email glenrocksepac@gmail.com and let us know if your student is in elementary school or middle/high school.
- Our next parent/guardian only meeting will be on 1/11/2023 by Zoom. All are welcome.

Superintendent Update - Dr. Charleston

- Bandwith survey: 260 teachers and admins took a survey; results were overall positive
 - Concerns included being having to respond to school concerns after school hours, needing quiet spaces to work, and needing more time to complete tasks
 - Bandwith Committee met, staff was reassured they don't have to respond after school hours (contractually as well); the admin is looking for quiet spaces for staff to work; the burden of submitting detailed lesson plans was removed
- Climate survey to be released on 10/10 - have until 10/21 to complete - teachers and staff, partnered with Rutgers and DOE
 - All parents/students grades 3-8, can opt out, will take 15-20 mins
 - Totally anonymous, just aggregate data released to admin
- Climate and Culture Committee meeting - activity based ideas to come
 - Raffles, HSA door prizes; step competitions; first activity is staff social 10/19 and other steps to be determined after results of climate survey
- Time - Use time wisely and efficiently. Emails should be addressed during school hours.
- Dr. Charleston has visited all the schools; happy, related environment, particularly among the MS/HS
- Enrollment update: smallest class is 160 seniors, 172 kindergarten; all others around 200 biggest classes are 26 kids
- District is fully staffed; BOE approved qualified math teacher replacement dual certified in math and special ed
 - TA deficit in Coleman but working on being addressed by ESS
 - Each school as 2 permanent subs and can move to other buildings as needed

- Hamilton extension on schedule for completion
- Budget continues to be on track. Planned an increase in both Healthcare and Malware Insurance. As well as 4 teachers at Hamilton School.
- The BOE meetings follow the state guidelines.
- Health Curriculum concerns - direct to building principals.
- Office Hours will continue
- Candidate night 10/18.

MS/HS Principal Update - Dr. Parent

- Opening of school for students and staff has been fantastic.
- 6th grade had a great time at the retreat - Great transition to the MS.
- Rebuilding community and increasing student engagement. We want high energy in the building.
- On the half day Monday 10/10 the staff had a presentation about bandwidth
 - Time to decompress
 - Use the time we are in school more efficiently.
- High School BTS night is 10/11
- Middle School BTS night is 10/13
- All are welcome at the HSA meetings - Dr. Parent is happy to answer questions at these meetings.
- Communication at the MS/HS
 - Admins and Supervisors communicate to teachers at off time. Teachers are encouraged to put on an Auto reply. The goal is to bring the focus back to teaching.
 - 7th grade will be going on an overnight trip.
 - Buses are difficult to secure. Aware of the situation and planning ahead using coach buses.

Elementary School Principal update - Krista LaCroix

- All Elementary Schools -
 - Our Climate and Culture Survey was sent out yesterday Monday, 10/10 -10/21
 - This is optional for students(gr. 3-5), staff and parents.
 - Our NJSLA scores were mailed out on 9/30 for grades 4 and 5. Please contact your child's teacher should you have questions.
 - We celebrated the Week of Respect the week of 10/2 and we look forward to our assembly with Brandon Lee White on 10/11 and 10/12. His message of how to be

courageous and have character regarding bullying, leadership, mental health and making positive/healthy choices was well received by our students. Thank you Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Chon, Mrs. Falkenstern and Mrs. Moger for all of your efforts.

- Our students are looking forward to our upcoming Halloween parade and related activities on Monday, 10/31.

BYRD

- Byrd is off to a fantastic start to the school year. Thank you to our teachers and staff for a wonderful Back to School Night.
- Our HSA has been busy and very supportive to start the school year. Thank you to all our volunteers for their efforts at Back to School Night, Family Fest and our first ice cream day in 2 years! We look forward to the events coming up like Pumpkin Fest and Ghoul the School.
- We have been celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month at Byrd school. Each day, we listen to a quote from an influential person in the Latino community and would like to thank the Byrd DEI committee for their beautiful displays in our main hallway.
- Picture Day is coming up on 10/11. Get your smiles ready!
- Student Council elections have taken place in grades 3-5. We are excited about our new format this year where we will be electing a President, Vice President and Secretary. We can't wait for our school assembly on 10/14 where student council representatives will read their speeches to the entire Byrd community. Good luck to all those running for office!

COLEMAN

- Thank you to our staff for an awesome first month of school. A big thank you to our HSA for the delicious welcome back teacher luncheon!
- Last week, Coleman celebrated a Week of Respect. Among other activities, students and staff wore shirts with positive and kind messages on Friday. We also culminated the week with our annual Farm Fest. Thank you Coleman School HSA!
- The Coleman School community wishes all of our Glen Rock school families a most successful school year.

HAMILTON

- Thank you to our teachers for their hard work and preparation for Back to School night. We had a full house and it was great to see everyone.
- Book Fair was held this past week. It was a great success and we thank all the parent volunteers.
- Thank you to Mr. H for meeting the biggest crowd we've had for Walk to School day on Thursday, October 6th.
- We look forward to our first Husky Cafe for 5th grade on October 21st.
- We look forward to the Great Pumpkin Walk on October 29th.

CENTRAL

- Thank you to our HSA, teachers, staff, custodians, everyone who worked hard to get Central ready for this school year. We have already had some amazing events and socials. Including Kindergarten ice cream social and new family orientation, welcome back coffee, welcome back teacher lunch, Fall Festival and walk to school day
- Excited to have everything back to normal and excited for our successful in-person back to school night
- We are looking forward to our Haunted House on October 21st and 22nd. As well as our 4th graders who will be celebrating Harvest Fest with Folktales from around the world with their 4th grade teachers and specialists.

BOE update - Ed Hayward

Lots of positive energy in the district

Encouraged to follow the district instagram to see what is happening

Health Curriculum - Teachers will teach this the best way possible.

There is a national teacher shortage

Nationally teachers are leaving because of Covid/retirement

Marissa encourages all to come to the Central School Upside Down World. All tickets are being sold on line for specific time slots.

Motion to adjourn the meeting - Marissa Storinge