

Glen Rock Federated HSA Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2020
Zoom - 7 p.m.

Attendees: Attendance was at 100 people which was the maximum allowed in Zoom. Unfortunately, we did not capture the names of those attending.

1. Welcome

Stephanie Carosella and Liz Sonzogni welcomed the large crowd to the last Federal HSA Meeting of the year. Liz spoke on how they would introduce the new staff and of course there would be updates this meeting on how online schooling is going for the Glen Rock district.

2. Introductions

Stephanie Carosella introduced the newly hired staff for the Glen Rock school district. She put together a set of Q&A with the new hires as a “get to know you” part of the meeting. Here is a list of the new hires which will begin their roles July 1.

Mike Parent, - MS/HS Principal

Greg Van Nest – Assistant Superintendent

Jen MacKay – Director of Special Services

Paul Cusack – Supervisor of IT

Michelle Giurlando – Director of Student Personnel Services

Shari Krapels – K-12 Supervisor of English

3. Approval of the March 2020 Federated HSA Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved by Katie Fanelli and Colleen Manley.

4. Approval of the 2020-2021 Federated HSA Executive Board Members

The new HSA Federal BOD approved by Katie Fanelli and Lisa Lynch.

President (MS/HS)	Colleen Manley
Secretary & Webmaster (Central)	Katie Gibs Meredith Dallas
Treasurer (Hamilton)	Heather Olenick
Calendar (Coleman)	Stacy Hendl
Directory (Byrd)	Christa Folco Donovan

5. Approval of the 2020-2021 Federated HSA Budget

The budget was approved Colleen Manley, Stacy Hendl and Stephanie Carosella

6. Board Officer Updates

- a. **Presidents** – Stephanie Carosella & Liz Sonzogni,
 1. Welcomed everyone again on the call. The Presidents mentioned that Dr. Charleston would be giving the update on Covid-19 and the district and how e-learning is going. They thanked the current BOD for their efforts this year.
- b. **Treasurer** - Stacy Hendl
 1. Discussed the 2021 budget is approved. We have \$342.00 left from the current year. The majority of money spent this and next year by each school's HSA will be for the Mobile Arq database. It is the district's vendor for its online directory.
- c. **Online Directory** – Colleen Manley
 1. Please check out the newly revised website: grfederatedhsa.org website
 2. If anyone would like pdf's of the directory, please send an email to the grfedhsadirectory@gmail.com.
- d. **Calendar** – Katie Fanelli
 1. Katie is working on coordinating all HSA calendars along with all Principals' calendars to ensure organization for next year.
 2. All is looking well for next year and the Presidents and Katie will be meeting on June 1 to discuss and finalize for 2020-2021.
- e. **SEPAC** – Kristine Gifford and Nicole Redmond
 1. Looking forward to working with Dr. MacKay
 2. Two meetings via Zoom: MS/HS Thursday at 5 p.m. THEN June 8 5pm-District Wide
 3. Email on district CPAC page to get added to list
 4. Special Ed Parents Advisory Council
 5. Special Services concerns, info, speakers, share ideas, comfort, help etc

7. District Updates

- a. **Superintendent's Report** - Dr. Brett Charleston
 1. Dr. Charleston welcomed again the new hires to the district.
 2. He also thanked the large crowd on the phone and each HSA and all parents for all their hard work during uncertain times.
 3. Dr. Charleston will continue to keep the district updated daily on the Covid 19 situation and that the goal is to get through the academic school year which concludes on June 18.
 4. The biggest concern right now is how each school will proceed with graduation plans. Dr. Charleston is waiting on word from the Governor of NJ on next steps if "in person" graduation will be available.
 5. He is leaving the decision on graduation signage, ideas, virtual ideas at each Principal's discretion. He supports each school but will let the Principals make the decisions.
 6. He feels the curriculum is going well. The teachers are trying to follow all guidelines.

7. IEP needs will be met virtually by June 18 the best the district can.
8. The middle school and high school did adjust schedules to meet the needs of all students.
9. He encouraged all that the kids would be assessed in September and that all kids will catch up properly with their grade.
10. Mentioned that the Hamilton School field project is almost complete and looks great.
11. The Air conditioner project for the Elementary schools was getting under way at the end of May and through June since the schools are empty.
12. The media center in the high school will be built this summer.
13. Announced that all school playgrounds and fields and grounds are shut down until further notice.
14. Announced a new policy that when a delayed opening occurs, all schools will now start at 2 hours past their regularly scheduled time, not at the same time.
15. The issue of Pomptonian food service came up and at this time we will use this company. Not sure how lunch service and seating will go next year.

b. Elementary School Principal Update – Mrs. Jodi Craft

1. The elementary school Principals are trying to increase the morale of children and teachers. The fifth graders are having a difficult time with not being able to focus on the fun aspects of ending elementary school.
2. Working on the shift from academic to social and emotional assistance.
3. The elementary schools are putting together new guidelines for report cards for the remainder of the current school year.
4. Working on virtual celebrations for 5th graders.
5. Each school focused on collecting library books and collecting students' personal items.
6. Once June arrives, the curriculum will be more project based rather than focused on each subject.

c. Middle/High School Principal Update – Mr. John Arlotta

1. Mr. Arlotta discussed that they are trying to proceed with e-learning and meeting students' needs the best they could.
2. There have been a lot of questions about graduation and the preparation of 8th graders and seniors.
3. More announcements in June regarding virtual or in person graduation ceremonies.
4. This summer, the new Principal will work on Zoom meetings with 5th graders to help transition them to middle school.
5. No final exams. No state testing happening this school year.
6. During final weeks of school, the schools have moved to half day programs.
7. Doing a showcase week of virtual performances
8. Looking at the curriculum mapping program
9. Social and Emotional needs are the current focus for middle and high school. Focus is high on yoga and mindful exercises to help.

d. Community School Update – Allison DeMeulder

1. Allison gave the summer camps update. At this point all community school camps were cancelled. These include all sporting, arts and busy bee camps.
2. The district is offering a variety of online camps such as Stem, Art and other camps.
3. This year the community school will have four classes which is the largest to date. The PK and TK programs will be offered part or full time. - 4 classes for Preschool- 2's, 3's, 4's- 2 classes
4. Registration for the before and after program will open after Memorial Day. Fees will not be raised. Offering a 10% discount if you sign-up early.
5. There is a concern about extra staff and additional space for before and after care as well as the 2020-21 school year.

e. Board of Education Update – Sharon Scarpelli

1. Board is excited for the new administrators.
2. Applaud all administrators, teachers and staff for the hard work during this e-learning process.
3. Important to follow all regulations of the state and to stay in line across the school district of Glen Rock.
4. The BOD is in the process of renewing then voting on policies for next year. For example, the Board is changing policy on high school transcripts, looking to remove 8th grade advanced classes taken in high school.
5. Re-accessing Gifted and Talented Program

f. Curriculum Update – Kathleen Regan

1. Staying on track with the current curriculum yet researching new software for next year.
2. The teachers, TA's and Principals as well as the district are very pleased with the way Schoology is going. We see success yet realize it's been a lot of work on students/parents.
3. Schoology has been challenging in the sense of kids/parents having to submit work. How can we improve and will Schoology training continue?
4. The Elementary schools are looking into a more detailed Science Program and Language Arts curriculum.
5. There could be a new reading software elementary school.
6. New AP and Honors Physics textbooks for high school.
7. New AP Computer Science program for high school.
8. Coding will begin at Kindergarten level.
9. Phonics will be heavily emphasized.
10. Adjustment of Gifted & Talented programs beginning in middle school.
11. How can we streamline homework? Students and parents are taking numerous photos and making copies of worksheets. How can we help teachers to encourage kids to submit with more success?

g. Questions

1. Many parents are concerned about the social and emotional needs of middle and high school students. Mr. Arlotta responded that they are rolling out more mindfulness exercises and breathing techniques and online yoga sessions.

Guidance counselors are also on call to assist with these needs at any level of school.

2. Many parents are concerned about the current curriculum and if their child is keeping up and will they be behind next year. Dr. Charleston assured everyone as did Kathleen Regan that the school/teachers will assess where each student is. The district feels confident they have such a robust curriculum in play for next academic year and the students will succeed.

3. Will remote learning continue into summer and possibly fall? Dr. Charleston cannot answer for the 2020-21 year but yes, some language and reading programs will be available this summer.

4. Summer school or IEP questions, Please email Dr. Edwards.

5. Do you think teachers could get white boards for their homes for e- learning? Could the district provide anything more for students? Dr. Charleston said he would take it into consideration.

8. New Business -

Heidi Ryan presented Mr. Arlotta with a \$150.00 check in his name towards the future success of the Pathways program. Mr. Arlotta is such a great supporter of this organization. She thanked him

9. Motion to Adjourn the meeting – Motion to adjourn, Colleen Manley and Heidi Ryan