

Glen Rock Federated HSA Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2022
Zoom - 7 p.m.

Attendees:

Sharon Tishco, Kristin Hodges, Jackie Pappas, Dr. Brett Charleston, Mike Escalante, Krista LaCroix, Carolyn Stallone, Orlee Goldfeld, Kathryn Morris, Monica Lauro, Tina Bacolas, Jenelle Wise, Kellie St. Laurent, Marissa Storinge, Jackie Pucci, Kristen Hochleutner, Valerie Merlin, Alyssa Mandara, Nicole Spencer, Karen Sheridan, Lauren Suero, Ellen Brunetti, Deirdre Healey, Colleen Manley, Julia Wang, Liz Tullo, Sinead Rundell, Megan Findley, Jessica Natalizio, Su Kang

1. President's Report – Sharon Tishco

- Sharon welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Vote on incoming '22-'23 Federated HSA Board – All in favor. New Board is approved.
 - Federated President: Central/Marissa Storinge
 - Federated 1st VP/Directory: Coleman/ Kristin Hodges
 - Federated Secretary: Hamilton / Jenelle Wise
 - Federated 2nd VP/Calendar: MS/HS/ Sharon Tishco
 - Federated Treasurer: Byrd/ Su Kang

2. Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting (3/17), so they were fully approved.

3. Treasurer's Report – Jackie Pappas

- Balance of \$3408.97
- Only check written since last meeting was for our website renewal.
- Vote for the 2022/2023 budget – All in favor. Proposed budget approved.
 - The proposed budget for next year is to ask for \$500 from each HSA for a total of \$2500 for the year. Income of \$2500 would cover each expected expense.

4. SEPAC – Orlee Goldfeld

- The next meeting is next Monday, May 16th at 7pm via Zoom. There will be a presentation by the district OTs and Behaviorists regarding tools to help children through the summer.
- Thank you to the Federated HSA for posting SEPAC meeting minutes and for all the donations.
- If you have any questions or need to reach us, please email glenrock.sepac@gmail.com. All meeting information can be found on Federated's website - grfederatedhsa.org/sepac

5. Middle School Update – Mike Escalante

- We've had a busy spring.
- NJALS testing was successful. We have a science test on 5/23 and 5/24.
- Our SEL Day, Play on Play, was enjoyed by all.
- We had 300 students at our Spring Social on 4/22.
- The Spring Concert and Art Show was on 5/4.
- We just saw "A Girl Like Her" about cyber bullying. It was informative and educational regarding social media.
- Looking ahead, 7th graders are taking a trip to Camp Mason. This is an overnight retreat that will focus on team building activities.
- May 26th is our talent show.
- June 8th is the Gettysburg trip.

- National Honor Society inductions are coming up as well.

6. High School Update – Tina Bacolas

- Teacher Appreciation Week was outstanding! Thank you to Colleen and Holly for everything.
- Dr. Parent just released some initial information regarding graduation.
- Proms, award ceremonies, graduation, socials, a spring pep rally, etc. are all in motion and everyone is thrilled to get back to these functions.

7. Superintendent Update – Dr. Brett Charleston

- The district is creating “Wellness” rooms in all schools. These rooms are moving forward. Hopefully, the supply chain issues do not impact the furniture delivery for September.
- The Hamilton addition is still moving forward. We will receive bids July/August and will hopefully be complete by September 2023.
- The budget passed with a 1.09% increase. We are looking to bring in 4 new positions:
 1. 3 new Special Education teachers
 2. 1 WPL (work place learning) teacher
- He held office hours on the topic of Diversity & Inclusion. It was well attended with healthy conversations from all sides. We will present data from focus groups at June 13th meeting.
- Friday, May 27th is a give back day.
- May 23rd will be the last Zoom BOE meeting. All future meetings will be in person.
- We are working with a consultant regarding the new health curriculum. We are not looking to be extreme in either direction. A letter will be sent by grade level to every family before any topics are covered.

8. Elementary School Principal Update – Krista LaCroix (Central)

- It is hard to believe we have only 30 days of school left! All of the elementary school returned from Spring Break with a visit from our MS choir and band and the HS Choirs. Our 3rd-5th graders enjoyed hearing the beautiful voices and even joined in!
- NJSLA testing kicked off today for grades 3 through 5 and culminates on May 24.
- Our 4th grade students are really looking forward to Water Day at the Arboretum on May 19th.
- And we are all looking forward to our Spring Concert and Field Day as we wrap up the end of the school year!

COLEMAN

- Welcomed Jared Campbell for 2 assemblies on respect and Kindness. Thank you to our Coleman HSA!
- The Lion King was a big hit for our Coleman Musical and we enjoyed performing in the Central School Theater!
- April culminated with the annual Book Fair which was very well attended.
- Our May theme for our Choose to Be Nice Program is Patience.
- Our annual Art Show returned to a “LIVE” event yesterday. Coleman is alive with color and beautiful art projects inspired by our Art teacher, Ms. Eftimoski. Thank you to all who came out!
- Our next big event is International Night this Thursday evening. Come to Coleman and tour the world! Gates open at 6:00.

HAMILTON

- On May 6th, Hamilton School held it’s 9th Annual Multicultural Festival. It was a day celebrating cultural diversity and ethnic pride. The daytime consisted of a Parade of over 30

nations, students' performances, food demonstrations, crafts, games, and a trip around the world! In the evening, amazing performances, food tastings, and lots celebration! Thank you to all the amazing families of Hamilton for proudly sharing their traditions with pride and joy!

- Our 5th graders are busy with community service projects in the next few weeks. They've just held a very successful food drive for the Social Services Pantry in Ridgewood. They will soon get busy putting summer bags together for children in a Paterson public school by collecting summer toys. And last week, they got their hands and knees dirty by planting flowers in our gardens to make sure our Discovery Zone was ready for its re-opening.
- The Discovery Zone is a new playground concept at Hamilton that nurtures children's imaginations, creativity, and free play. If you have a chance, come visit this amazing area. Many thanks to our H.S.A. and all the volunteers who've made this dream a reality.

BYRD

- Byrd School would like to thank the HSA for celebrating Byrd staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. The love was felt each and every day and we are so grateful!
- Byrd students enjoyed 2 assemblies during the month of April, the first was a visit from Jared Campbell who reminded us about being kind and accepting of all. Next, we had Bash the Trash return for a celebration of earth and sustainable sounds in recognition of Earth Day. Thanks to our HSA for funding these endeavors.
- On May 9th, we had our Byrd Broadway performance of Disney Heroes vs Villains. The show was a great success.
- We are looking forward to our upcoming Multicultural Week happening the week of 5/16. Each grade level has adopted a country which they will explore during a school wide project-based learning experience. All students will be able to travel the world and visit each grade level to learn about new cultures.
- Our week will end with an assembly from Nimbus Dance Company and our much anticipated first International Night on Friday, May 20th.

CENTRAL

- Thank you to our amazing HSA for a Super Teacher Appreciation Week. We truly felt appreciated!
- We enjoyed our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders in our school performance Disney Heroes and Villians.
- We had a Wonderful Spring concert and enjoyed listening to our Early Morning Chorus and our 4th and 5th grade instruments.
- Circus week was amazing - everyone learned some circus techniques and our 5th graders put on a fabulous performance for our parents on Friday afternoon.
- We are looking forward to our art show on May 25th, our patriotic second grade concert on May 26th and our 3rd grade recorder concert on June 8th.

CENTRAL

- Souper Bowl - All students wore their favorite sports jersey and the we collected soup for the Community Food Bank of NJ
- Kindergarten parents enjoyed a presentation during the last week in February. Students showed off their musical talents by sharing some Valentine's Day themed songs.
- Looking forward to our first assembly on March 16th - Prismatic Magic Laser Light Show.
- Looking forward to our STEM Fair on March 23, 2022.

9. Board of Education Update – Sinead Rundell

- Dr. Charleston covered everything.

10. Questions

1. Q - Can we have a standard district response for hot topics that continue to come up, such as Critical Race Theory and whether the district is teaching it?
2. A – The BOE meetings are meant to conduct BOE business, not solely for Q&As. We do not teach Critical Theory. If anyone has any questions regarding what is being taught at school, reach out directly to Dr. Charleston.

II. Motion to adjourn the meeting – Sharon Tishco