

Friday, February 7, 2025

## Federated HSA Meeting

### Attendees

Greg Van Nest, Michelle Giurlando, Krista LaCroix, Heather Olenick, Rebecca LoBello, Lynda Coppola, Janelle Wise, Karen Vander Leest, Kristen Hochleutner, Stephanie Chan, Kathy Scala, Suzanne Nathanson, Kristen Jones Unger, Katelyn Naranjo, Erin Smith, Hannah Finkelberg, Louise Kennan, Liz Tullo, Elena Brennan

### President's Report- Heather Olenick

- Volunteers wanted to help research for other options for the HSA websites. Currently use Paperless PTO.
- Next Federated meeting: TBD
- Calendar email: GRFedcalendar@gmail.com

### Approval of Nov 2024 Federated HSA Meeting Minutes- Kathy Scala, Stephanie Chan

### Treasurer's Report- Jenelle Wise

- All HSA dues have been received

### Directory Update – Liz Tullo

### SEPAAC Update – Kristen Hochleutner + Karen Vander Leest

- MS/HS Parent Meeting on Feb.11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm
- Presentation by Hearts and Hands Hearts and Hands Professional Development presents “Who are the Helpers? This presentation/interactive workshop will offer parents information surrounding "who to go to for what", as well as “building a sense of community.” On March 6, 2025, 7:00pm.

### Elementary School Update- Krista La Croix

- Don't forget school is closed Feb 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> for Presidents Day
- We are looking forward to celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and Valentine's Day in the upcoming weeks.
- Kindergarten Report Cards will be available for parents on the Gensis Portal on February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Kindergarten registration opens March 3<sup>rd</sup> until March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Byrd

- Byrd Community Groups had our meeting in January. Each of our sessions will be focused on our theme, There is no place like Byrd! Our first session focused on our brains. In the second session, we will be focused on our hearts and our last session will be about courage.
- Many thanks to our HSA and parent volunteers for coordinating our assembly with Skydome. Students in grades K-5 enjoyed going inside the “planetarium” and learning about space.
- Th Byrd Science Fair was a great success. Shout out to all our Byrdies who participated and shared their amazing projects.

- The Byrd community celebrated National School Counselor's Week this week. We are so grateful for our wonderful School Counselor, Mrs. Lauren Carter and all of the work she does in our school.
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### **Central**

- Students Council is celebrating Souper Bowl – Wearing their favorite team jerseys and donating cans of soup to a local food kitchen. This is their 3<sup>rd</sup> collection of the year and we are very proud of the participation of the students and thankful to the Central families for the support.
- Thank you to our HAS for our Schoolwide Mr. Socks Rocks Assembly – Candy chemistry for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders and 4<sup>th</sup> grade eco systems – investigating owl pellets.
- We had a wonderful winter concert in December, a great Holiday sing along on the last day before break.
- We are looking forward to our Kindergarten Valentine's Day and our STEM Fair on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Coleman**

- We concluded 2024 with a Sing Along and Ms. Chiang leading our student body in several holiday/winter songs.
- The Science Rocks team from GRHS led our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders in several experiments. These included extracting DNA from strawberries.
- The Health Barn visited Coleman on 1/16 and talked to our students about healthy nutrition while also offering healthy snacks like carrots and edamame for our students to sample.
- Our Winter Concert took place on 1/22 and Coleman will be supporting the American Heart Association by wearing RED on Feb 7<sup>th</sup>
- We look forward to our annual Science Fair on 2/26

### **Hamilton**

- Student Council hosted a sock drive throughout the month of January and collected over 200 pairs of socks in support of the Ridgewood Social Service Association. In the month of February, the Student Council is going to be organizing the creation of Valentine's Day cards for Meals on Wheels.
- Last week we enjoyed a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Winter Concert by Mr. Frey and our students.
- Science week at Hamilton is wrapping up today. We had an all-school assembly from Funstatic Science, in-class interactive science presentations from High Touch that are aligned with science units and today is our Science Fair.
- Finally, our parent and teacher committees are busy planning for our annual Multicultural Festival, which will be on March 21<sup>st</sup>. So far we have 26 different countries represented. We can't wait for this beloved annual event!

### **MS/HS Principal Update- Michelle Giurlando**

### **Middle School**

- Grade level meetings- topics include: community, privileges/rights, on-time, treating others, café cleanliness.
- Spirit week is next week

### **High School**

- Mid-year class meetings
- Robotics club
- Challenge/Success workshop – how do we challenge the definition of success
- Shared calendar for teachers for upcoming assignments for students across all areas

### **Superintendent Report- Greg Van Nest**

#### **BOE Goals**

- 25/26 budget is in process

#### **District**

- **Pre-K registration to be announced soon**

#### **CAP Projects**

- Turf Lights- done by Spring