

**Glen Rock Middle School/High School HSA - Meeting Minutes**  
**June 10, 2016 9:00 AM Media Center**

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**Attendees (16):** Sandi Stern, Donna Beldner, Grace Cosgriff, Anne Marie Podd, Mona Milbrodt, Gretchen Horwitz, Kathy Duggan, Kara Stansel, Holly Goshin, Heidi Ryan, Angela Catanzaro, Merri Kapiloff, Ann Feige, Meghan Consoli, Janet Romano, Maureen Jeffries

**Administrators (2):** John Arlotta, HS Principal and Edward Thompson, MS Principal

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM by HSA President, Sandi Stern.

**Approval of the May 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes:** Submitted by Anne Marie Podd.  
Motion to approve by Ann Feige and seconded by Holly Goshin.

**Thank You to our Volunteers!**

Special thanks to Kathy Duggan and Grace Cosgriff who served on our board and are leaving this year. Thank you to Ann Feige and Maureen Jeffries for the wonderful Teacher Appreciation Breakfast.

**Wish List (Ann Feige)**

Approved: Ann presented Mrs. Abbott's "Week of Respect" (Oct. 2016) request for the "Be Amazing" program which teaches life skills and good decision making. This program benefits all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Cost is \$895.

**Principals' Reports:**

**High School – Mr. Arlotta**

- Thank you to Sandi Stern and the HSA for all your support. Great working with you.
- He wished Mr. Thompson good luck and all the best in his new position as principal of Coleman School.
- Final exams start Wednesday.
- Parents - encourage seniors to go out on a high note. After four years of hard work, the school encourages them to maintain high standards and we need the parents support with this.
- Senior Week: Mon. Community Service Day/ Tues. 8 AM Senior Breakfast and graduation practice/ Wed. Class Trip to a secret location/ Thurs. Graduation Practice, and then 6:30 PM is the big show. Graduation lasts about an hour.
- Planning for next year: Fine tuning curriculum, selecting books, etc.
- Hiring new staff due to retirements and changes. 2 physics positions are open.
- Mr. Brodhead is retiring from Guidance. There are 120 applications for the guidance position.

**Middle School- Mr. Thompson**

- Mr. Thompson thanked everyone for his 10 years as middle school principal. Thank you to the HSA for all your support.
- The spring concert and art show went well.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Jessica Decker arranged a field trip to the Patriots baseball game.
- We need a solid, annual, non-overnight field trip for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Maybe Ellis Island? Any ideas?
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade went to Broadway's *Fiddler on the Roof*.

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade went to the Bronx Zoo.
- For incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders - 5<sup>th</sup> grade mash up was last week – 2 hours and was great! They've had fly up days and tours of the building. August will have Discovery Day.
- Monday evening, 6/13 is the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance at Powerhouse Studios. Students wanted an off-campus dance.
- Also on Monday, The Promise Foundation is coming to give the students a presentation on sun care and skin cancer prevention.
- Tues. 6/21 at 6:30 PM is the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotional Ceremony.
- Wed. is the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pool Party.

**Parent Question** – What is the deal with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip?

Mr. Thompson said it us up to the teachers to organize the trip on their own time. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip has paid advisors (overnight trip). The 7<sup>th</sup> grade does not (day trip). Maureen Jeffries suggested having class parents who could do the legwork of arranging buses, tours, tickets, etc. and help teachers.

**Parent Suggestion** – Could we have a teacher, or guidance counselor speak or have a topic of interest with breakout sessions at HSA meetings? It might encourage attendance.

**Boosters** – Numerous parents did not know what Boosters is or who they are. The Glen Rock Boosters Club (GRBC) is an organization comprised of parents who are dedicated to supporting the students of Glen Rock High School. Mission statement: To provide community and financial support and foster the extracurricular activities of GRHS students. Their support goes beyond athletics and includes all HS extracurricular activities. Andrea Vachon has been President for years and is looking to move on. Hopefully, new volunteers will step up.

**NOTE:** Maybe we should have a Boosters member come to an HSA meeting to talk about the club and raise awareness.

Mrs. Mitchell (Media Center) came over to thank the HSA for funding author visits, Maker Day, etc. She really appreciates our support.

Thank you to all our school faculty and parent volunteers. We raise our kids as a community.

**Fundraising**

- The Never Ending Book Fair at The Curious Reader (per Maureen Jeffries) has all the school summer reading lists. Mention the HSA and you get a 5% discount on your purchase and our Mrs. Mitchell (Media Center) gets a 10% store credit. Spread the word!

**Treasurer's Report – (Gretchen Horwitz)**

- The 2016-2017 budget was voted on and approved. Motion to approve by Grace Cosgriff, seconded by Heidi Ryan and all in favor.
- We did not have a fundraiser this year, but plan to have one in 2016-2017.

### Vote on MS/HS HSA Slate for 2016-2017 School Year

The slate was voted on and approved. Motion to approve by Grace Cosgriff, seconded by Kara Stansel and all in favor.

**Emeritus – Donna Beldner**

**President – Sandi Stern**

**Executive VP – Kara Stansel**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP – Mona Milbrodt**

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Anne Marie Small Podd**

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Holly Goshin**

**Treasurer – Gretchen Horwitz**

**Secretary – Heidi Ryan**

### Volunteer Opportunities Needed/Filled

- Holly Goshin and Heidi Ryan will be the liaisons for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders. A Welcome Letter needs to be sent out.
- Anne Marie Podd will secure parent volunteers (coat check) for the Homecoming Dance
- Kathy Duggan will be the Senior parent who plans the Yearbook signing. (Nominating will ask Joan Fisher if she would like to co-chair.)
- **Needed: A Junior parent** to handle Academic Awards: 9-11:30 AM/cookies, tables, water. Be there 10:45 AM. Set up and take down.
- HANDBOOK – 3 Parts:
  - 1) **Need 1 or 2 Proofreaders** (can do at home)
  - 2) Collect checks – Merri Kapiloff
  - 3) Handbook Distribution – Janet Romano and Angela Catanzaro

### New Business

Assigning Class Parents to each class was suggested - 3 per class (classes are about 275 students). Each class has a specific event to manage. The Executive Board would choose the class parents.

**Adjournment** The motion to adjourn was made at 10:16 AM by Grace Cosgriff and seconded by Donna Beldner.

This was the last meeting of the 2015-2016 School Year.

### Next meeting:

The next general meeting will be **Friday, September 16, 9:00 AM** in the Media Center.

Happy Summer!

*Minutes respectively submitted by Anne Marie Podd.*