

Glen Rock Middle School/High School HSA/Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2015 7:30 PM Media Center

Attendees (17): Sandi Stern, Donna Beldner, Grace Cosgriff, Anne Marie Podd, Mona Milbrodt, Kara Stansel, Gretchen Horwitz, Becky Goglia, Kristine Gifford, Joyce Silva, Barbara Gomes, Janet Romano, Ann Feige, Michele Sapoff, Jennifer Park, Ann Boyle, Jessica Lee

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by HSA President, Sandi Stern.

Approval of the September 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes: Submitted by Anne Marie Podd.
Motion to approve by Ann Feige and seconded by Kara Stansel.

Principals' Reports:

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Arlotta talked about the unplanned, Friday, 11/13 morning lockdown (shelter in place) at the MS and HS due to the discovery of an empty gun shell casing in a classroom. Police came in with their K9 unit to search. Nothing was found. The lockdown was lifted by 1 PM.

The following Monday, there was a planned and scheduled police/K9 routine search. Dogs sniffing for drugs. MS & HS were evacuated during the search. Routine drill. Came up empty. Communicated with parents via email. These routine drills send the message no drugs at school.

Middle School- Mr. Thompson

- Oct. 30th was the 6th&7th grade dance. Went very well
- Nov. 13th was the Fall Fling. 165 kids attended and it was great fun!
- The middle school musical is *The Sound of Music*. Auditions are in December.
- Washington Trip – Due to terrorist threats, they are considering other options. They are monitoring the situation. Email Mr. Thompson with thoughts. First deposit is due December 4th.
- The Veterans Day Ceremony was excellent. Glen Rock native, U.S. Army Brigadier General, Kristin Knapp French, presented.
- Dec. 9th is the Winter Concert.
- Jan. 20th will be a Homework Free Night.

High School – Mr. Arlotta

- The fall theatre production is *The Matchmaker*. Performances are this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
- Our fall sports season is closing with 6 league championships.
- Football is still active. Hoping to beat Hawthorne on Saturday and go on to Giant Stadium for the league championship.
- Cultural Exchange Program: The students went to Barcelona, Spain.
- On Friday, science students will observe live cardiac surgery.

- We've had two assemblies:
 - 1) On substance abuse and heroin. This program was brought to us via our Student Assistance Counselor. It was an excellent program.
 - 2) Inaugural poet, Richard Blanco, who was here for a full day. He presented, met with students at lunch and in focus groups/workshops. Also an excellent program.
- Our HS is one of the top in the arts. 85% of our students are involved in the arts.
- We have a new course in broadcast media that is very popular. You can see students' work on the school web page at "Under the Rock". It's a weekly show with lots of human interest videos.

Treasurer's Report – (Gretchen Horwitz)

- Membership is at 11,700. Our goal is 12,000. Almost there.
- We got a check for \$180 from our community program at Boiling Springs Bank.
- Our spring fundraiser will be a direct ask.
- Wish List – We supported 2 assemblies, paid for Tic Toc, Federated HSA Dues and dinner for college representatives at the College Fair.
- Use the Amazon link on our website! We make money.
- Boxtops – We still collect them. Drop them at the MS or HS office.
- Curious Reader-Any books you buy from them, mention the HSA. We get a cut. It's an ongoing fundraiser.
- We received a donation from the Jaycees which we put toward needed MS/HS art supplies, cameras and access to the National Archives for the history students.

Board of Ed (Donna Beldner)

- There was a preliminary discussion of the budget.
- They really need a good long term plan. The full-day kindergarten will impact us forever.
- Discussing air conditioning in the elementary schools. Will decide by February.
- Laptops for all high school students are in the plan.
- New election results: Elizabeth Carr, Bryon Torsiello and Sharon Scarpelli.
- Also, Eileen Hillock was voted in to replace Robin Rubinstein.

Sign-up sheet for the December 18th Staff/Teachers Holiday Brunch

Elaine Howe and Julie Weber especially need some parents to provide hot food.

Next MS/HS HSA General Meeting

Friday, January 22, 2016 at 9:00 AM in the Media Center

The motion to adjourn was made at 8:25 PM by Grace Cosgriff and Kara Stansel.

Minutes respectively submitted by Anne Marie Podd.