



MEETING MINUTES

Glen Rock Middle School/High School HSA
June 8, 2017 9:00 AM Media Center

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by HSA President, Sandi Stern.

Attendees (18): Heidi Ryan, Stasha Vicinanza, Holly Goshin, Megan Findley, Nancy Bermack, Kevin Brennan, Gretchen Horwitz, Anne Marie Podd, Donna Beldner, Mona Milbrodt, Kara Stansel, Jen Scherer, Ann Boyle, Louise D'Amato, Jill Orlich, Sandi Stern, Sharon Israel and Barbara Gomes

Staff and Administrators: Dr. Wirt, Mr. Arlotta, Dr. Kevin Brennan (BOE liason), Debbie Cella and Sandy Marinos

Welcome: Sandi Stern welcomed parents, administrators and staff.

Approval of the May 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Submitted by Heidi Ryan.
Motion to approve by Sandi Stern and seconded by Ann Boyle.

Thank You: Sandi thanked her fellow board members for their contributions this year and bid farewell to Donna Beldner after many years of dedicated service. The HSA Executive Board presented Donna with a plaque on the back of a theatre seat.

Vote for Proposed 2017/18 HSA Executive Board: Upon unanimous vote of the membership in attendance, the new slate of Executive Board officers was elected:

President – Mona Milbrodt
Executive VP – Kara Stansel
First VP – Holly Goshin
Second VP – Gretchen Horwitz
Third VP/Communications – Heidi Ryan
Secretary – Jennifer Scherer
Treasurer – Anne Marie Podd
President Emeritus – Sandi Stern

Presentation by Debbie Cella and Sandy Marinos: Debbie Cella(HS teacher) and Sandy Marinos (supervisor of Buildings and Grounds) presented the proposed renovations for the Courtyard project and discussed the background. A former GRHS teacher, Mrs. Norma Klau, passed away last October and a \$50,000 gift was made by her husband in her memory to be used to renovate the Courtyard area. The renovation involves a pergola, outdoor stone seating and outdoor chalkboard, a water feature and trees, bushes and flowers planted as part of the landscaping. The BOE has requested \$10,000 from the HSA in support of this project to add to the donation to make the project meet the overall integrity of the project.

Vote on Gift of \$10,000 to BOE for Klau Memorial Courtyard Renovation:

After discussion of BOE potential funding and the state of the HSA budget for 2017-2018, a motion was made to fund the \$10,000 as requested and the membership voted 12 in favor and 6 against so the MOTION PASSES.

Principals Reports: Mr. Arlotta thanked the HSA for its support at the Teacher's Appreciation Breakfast, the Robert Ax Awards, the Senior Awards and other donations. Ms. Comarato who is leaving and will be replaced by Miss Crooks, Mr. McCrary is moving (English and Social Studies) and have found an excellent Social Studies teacher to replace him, Ms. Hartman (Media Specialist) is retiring and looking for a replacement, a new math teacher with special ed certifications is coming on board, replacing Mr. Pasciuto and looking for a new HS Vice Principal and have 6 finalists. Mr. Arlotta thanked Sandi for her work over the last few years and shared his pleasure of working with her. Mr. Arlotta thanked Donna Beldner for her long time service.

Dr. Wirt and Miss Hamilton visited all the 5th graders to tell them about the Middle School and 5th graders have done their tours. All the classes are doing a lot of field trips: Bronx Zoo for 6th, 8th grade Chorus went to NYC to see a show and have a clinic, 7th heading to Liberty Science Center tomorrow and next week 8th grade is heading to D.C. next week for a very hot trip. 78 inductees into Junior Honor Society. Today having sunscreen assemblies. 8th grade promotion coming up. GR Library came to speak to students. Reviewing the MS schedule for next year and contemplating a version of the drop/add in a year or so. HS girls are doing a girls' leadership program and doing a workshop with the 6th graders to talk about things.

Treasurer's Report: Gretchen, our Treasurer presented the 2017/18 Budget and answered questions regarding the budget. Of note, we are concerned our Membership Dues will go down next year as a result of the transition to the electronic handbook and we currently have in excess of \$26,000 surplus funds (prior to the \$10,000 gift voted on above).

Vote to Approve the 2017/18 Budget: The 2017/18 Budget was unanimously approved by a vote of the membership in attendance.

Let's reminisce about old business...

- A Wish List gift was granted to Ms. Gustray from the Middle School to assist the implementation of yoga into both the Health and PE curriculum.
- Volunteer opportunities? How about one of these committees...Fundraising-Social, Welcoming 6th Grade Families, Welcoming New Families, Amazon Smile, Field Trip Fund!
Contact Angela Vila at njvilas@optonline.net for details.

and think about new business...

- Relay for Life this weekend (6/10)
- Reminder to support Special Olympic Torch Carrier (Olivia Childs will be carrying the torch)

Adjournment: Donna Beldner motioned to adjourn, seconded by Kara Stansel.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heidi Ryan