



Alexander Hamilton Elementary School HSA General Meeting, January 13, 2022

January 13, 2022 7:00pm, Virtual via Zoom – Valerie Merlin and Jyoti Israni, Presiding

HSA Attendance: Valerie Merlin, Jyoti Israni, Heather Olenick, Anne Castro, Jee Kelly, Andrea Ceres, Kathy Scala, Christina Chatlos, Jenelle Wise, Liliya Nissen, Nancy Chapman, Anna Movsesian

Motion to approve minutes: Jyoti and Valerie

Dr. Charleston Update:

- Hamilton School Addition: moving forward with 4 classrooms, designing wellness rooms (all elementary schools)
- K Registration starting February
- Accreditation process from state on 2/28
- School messenger - alerts went out to opt in for text alerts
- Board is in process of training for DEI
- Covid: thanks to parents, students and staff. Glen Rock hasn't had any staffing issues, thanks to parents in trusting that schools are safe
- Start Strong: still sorting through

Principal's report:

- Special thanks to the new nurse at Hamilton
- Re: Covid - only 2 kids streaming this week, hoping the numbers continue to go down.
- Lunch is the only issue with covid exposures. All the principals in Glen Rock are working out best practices. Mrs. Pierides is using the gym for a few classes to eat lunch (3rd Grade first session, 5th Grade second session). When lunch is in the classroom the children are 3 feet apart so they have been using the privacy boards to help cut down on possible exposure/contact tracing. Some teachers are opening windows to keep circulation going.
- Start Strong: 4th and 5th graders took this test for language and mathematics. Teachers just got more detailed results. They will use the results to provide children with the resources they need. This would likely happen outside of these assessments.
- Events: Planning to do the Husky Cafe and Multicultural festival hopeful in

May and to use the outside as much as possible. Calendar should be updated soon. 5th Grade activities are in May and June.

- 2/2/2022 - National Day of Play
- 4 Student teachers in school from Ramapo College

President's Update - Jyoti Israni, Valerie Merlin,

Recap of most recent events: Sweat and Sip, Clothing Drive, Husky Holiday Shop, Shop and Dine Week, Holiday Lights, Merve's Holiday Cookies and Hot Coco Bombs, Organized Teacher Collections, Funded recess equipment for all grades, Wish Lists gathered for all teachers for HSA to supply, Participated in Light Up the Rock on NYE (with other GR elementary schools)

Look out for upcoming events soon (i.e. breakfast in school)

Treasurer's report – Jee Kelly/Andrea Ceres

- High performing sources: Men's basketball league, Pizza Day, Shop & Dine, Book fair
- Holiday shop was a big success but the numbers are not finalized yet.

Fundraising update - Anne Castro/ Christina Chatlos

- Spring Fundraiser: 5/21s at the GRAC
- Will need various committees to assist in the planning

Volunteers update - Liliya Nissen/Anna Movsesian

- Science Fair coming end of February, need a new chair to take over the Science Fair event
- Spring Fundraiser - will be asking for assistance soon (see above)

Communications update - Nancy Chapman

- Check out the email blast for info on the student council items (i.e. Jersey Day and PJ/Read Day see note above regarding adding the Charitable Contribution information to the weekly blast
- To be included: Jersey Day, Stop Cuddle and Read day

Federated update – Valerie in place of Heather Olenick

- Next Federated date on 2/2 at 7pm

Class parent update - Kathy Scala

- Big help in notifying parents on all the end of year activities.

New business:

None

Adjournment:

Motion to close approved by Anne and Kathy

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Scala
Hamilton HSA Secretary