

HSA General Board Meeting Agenda

Date and Time: Thursday, February 6, 2025 @ 7pm

Location: Virtual

Welcome

Superintendent's Report - Rebecca LoBello (Federated Secretary)

Rebecca shared updates from Mr. Gregory Van Nest, Acting Superintendent in Dr. Charleston's absence on leave:

- **Quality assessment/accreditation:**
 - The district is currently undergoing NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC), the Department of Education's monitoring and district self-evaluation system for public school districts. Find out more at <https://www.nj.gov/education/qsac/>.
 - We undergo this process every 3 years.
 - Areas being reviewed are instruction and programming, fiscal management, governance, operations, and personnel. Recent and upcoming site visits include building inspections, finance and governance; an update on results will be discussed at the next Federated meeting.
- **School attendance:** Currently attendance is down across students and staff, mainly due to illness; students and staff are both encouraged to stay home when not feeling well.
- **Capital projects:** The new lights on the playing field at the Middle/High School will be ready by spring.

Principal's Report - Mrs. LaCroix

- **Staffing:** Mrs. Bresnan and Mrs. Baldeon have returned from leave.
- **Kindergarten:**
 - Registration is now open for next year
 - Central will have 2 K sections
 - Kindergarten report cards for this year will come out at the end of February
- **Events:**
 - Souper Bowl Sunday: Central is collecting soup and other canned goods to donate before the Superbowl; look for the 2 big boxes near the front doors – last day to donate is Friday, 2/7
 - Our second Families event for the year was held recently; this program groups students in grades K-5 into multi-grade "Families"; students stay in their "Family" throughout their entire time at Central.
 - The holiday concert and school singalong was held in December.
 - The kindergarten Valentine's Day concert will be held next week.

Co-Presidents Central School HSA - Jenny Gartshteyn & Stephanie Chan

- **Shade structure update:**
 - We have heard via surveys and from many parents that shade is a high priority for the playground; the HSA is actively working on this.
 - Jenny shared images of 2 options for the new playground shade structure with all attendees.
 - We are still looking for options that fall within our budget of around \$15,000.
 - If anyone has recommendations for a vendor, reach out to the Co-Presidents at prescentralhsa@gmail.com.

Treasurer – Judy Choi

- **Mid-year budget summary**
 - Judy recently revised the budget to make it clearer and easier to understand. She shared the new budget summary with attendees.
 - The budget summary will be available for parents to review on the HSA website at <https://www.centralschoolhsa.com/> (parents will need to log in to see it).
 - Feel free to reach out to Judy with any questions at treasurercentralhsa@gmail.com.

VP Communication – Kathy Yeung

- **Items for sale [on the HSA website](#):**
 - Currently there is a waitlist for Family Bowling (until 2/17); add your name and the HSA will contact you for payment when tickets are available.
 - Mabel's Labels and Spiritwear are available all year round.
- **HSA meeting minutes** are also available on the site under the HSA Information menu.

VP Enrichment – Jen Reinhold

- **Recent school-wide programs:**
 - [Lunchtime Activity Bins \(LABs\)](#) refresh: pictures in previous Blast and on Instagram – we are always open to suggestions from teachers and parents; contact Jen with ideas or send them to enrichmentcentralhsa@gmail.com.
 - TIC TOC (Georgia O'Keefe and Van Gogh): Sign-ups are still open for March and April; all supplies are available in advance for pickup from Jen's house, so parent volunteers do not need to purchase them on their own.
 - Rockin' Mr. Socks Assembly: January 17
- **Recent grade level programs:**
 - Chemistry of Candy (Grade 5, Jan 22) - Returning, popular program
 - Ecosystem Investigation: Prints, Poop, & Pellets (Grade 4, Feb 5) - Returning, popular program
- **Scheduled all-school programs:**
 - STEM Fair (March 12): See the Feb 2 email blast for details on how to register
 - Author Day (March 19) – see the HSA website for a chance to pre-order books from our author
 - Circus Week (March 31 - Apr 4): Returning, popular program
 - (First ever!) International Night (May 16):
 - There will be an Ambassador Information Session on Thursday, March 6th @ 8:30pm (Virtual) for those interested in learning more about being an Ambassador for Central School's first ever International Night for students and families!
 - If you are considering signing up as an Ambassador, please complete this [International Night Interest Form](#).
 - Zoom link will be shared closer to the date.
 - Art Show (May 28): more details to come.
- **Schedule grade level programs:**
 - Day in Clay (Grade 4, March 7): New program
 - Simple Machines - Catapult (Grade 3, April 23): New program
 - Weather Wizards (Kindergarten, Apr 30): Returning, popular program
 - Matter of Fact (Grade 2, April 29): New program
 - Space - The Final Frontier (Grade 1, May 6): New program

VP Social/Hospitality – Danielle Fotopoulos

- Recent events:
 - Bingo Night (Family Social): Fri, Jan 24, Khristine Hvam chair & many volunteers – some new features like refreshments for sale and 50/50 raffle
 - Dogman Movie Event (Family Movie Social/Fundraiser): Sun, Feb 2 @ 11am at Hawthorne Movie Theater – first time we've done an indoor movie; we had 58 attendees.
- Upcoming events:
 - Cupid's Chase (Free Family Social) - rain/shine or snow event:
 - Sat, Feb 8 @ 11am-2pm, in & around Glen Rock
 - Rachel Bonazzi, Meredith Bradley co-chairs
 - Tickets can be picked up on Friday, Feb. 7 at pickup after school, and also from 10-11am at Central on the day of the event (Feb 8)
 - 116 kids signed up; registration is now closed
 - Pick up your first clue at the school, and follow it for the next clues (while experiencing and supporting our local businesses)
 - Stitch 'n Sip (Mom's Night Out Embroidery Social/Fundraiser Event):
 - Tues, Feb 11 @ 7:30-9:30pm, Central School
 - Lindsay Forman & Danielle Fotopoulos, co-chairs
 - Family Bowling Night (Family Social):
 - Sun, Feb 23 @ 5-7pm at Bowlero Fairlawn
 - Rachel Bonazzi, chair
 - Ticket sales/waitlist reservation, ends 2/17
 - Currently there is a waitlist; add your name and the HSA will contact you for payment when tickets are available.
 - \$28/pp includes 2 hours of bowling, food and drinks, shoes, and an arcade card
 - International Night - first ever! (Enrichment/Social event)
 - Fri, May 16 @ 6-8pm at Central School (outside) - rain date Wed, May 21
 - Open to all Central students & their families to participate
 - Great team already in place to plan/organize the event, led by Jen Reinhold & Danielle Fotopoulos
 - If you are considering signing up as an Ambassador (hosting a table), please complete this [International Night Interest Form](#).
 - Parents Spring Social:
 - Date/time/location TBD

VP Fundraising – Lindsay Forman

- Past event results:
 - Minted: 8 orders, \$187 for Central
 - Art to Remember: 179 orders from 174 students - 58% of the school participated! Over \$2000 in profit to Central!
 - Holiday Shop at Central: Successful and fun!
 - Holiday Shop in Glen Rock (Suka, Beekman's, Dylann & Grace): Lots of support for local businesses, almost \$300 back to Central
 - Snacks at Bingo Night: Good first time, will work on pricing for the future; we are also taking suggestions for snacks you'd like to see at future events – contact Lindsay at fundraisingcentralhsa@gmail.com

- Upcoming events:
 - Embroidery Night: Tuesday, February 11 – currently have 27 people signed up
 - Valentine's Day Pizzas at John's Boy: Wednesday, February 12 (all day!)
 - Stone & Rail: Dine-to-Donate - Thursday, March 20
 - Francesca's: Dine-to-Donate - Tuesday, April 22
 - Jalapeños: Dine-to-Donate - Tuesday, April 29
- Ongoing events:
 - Food Days: A few open volunteer options on Pasta and Ice Cream Days in March and April, sign up via the link in the email blast
 - Today's Pizza Day will be rescheduled to another day in the spring
 - Spiritwear: All-season items on sale at Big Digital

Class Parent Liaison - Kathryn Morris

- **Valentine's Day parties** – next Friday, 2/14
 - If you are a class parent and have not yet shared labels for the treats you're providing to Mrs. LaCroix and Mrs. McNair, please do that ASAP.
 - If you are doing a craft, please align with the other class parents for your grade.

Central Dance Committee update – Amanda Behan

- Costumes are being distributed; please have your children try on their costume ASAP.
- Parent volunteer sign ups come out tonight (2/6) at 9pm. Additional positions will become available in the next few weeks.
- Ticket sales will start coming out in the next few weeks.

Q&A

- A parent asked Mrs. LaCroix about adding a third section to kindergarten this year – we are not getting a new K or a new 1st grade section.

HSA Shout Outs: School Projects!

- Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered and made these events and projects possible. We are grateful for you!
- Mini grants for individual classroom upgrades
- Central school rugs now in place at both side doors
- Treating teachers and staff throughout the year (start of school year, holidays, parent-teacher conferences)
- Little Free Library (restocked!)
- Coming soon: drop-box for your suggestions - location TBD