

HSA General Meeting 10-26-17

President Melinda Morgan started the meeting at 8:04am in the Media Center at Harbordale. She welcomed everyone, and said it was our 3rd meeting with a good turnout, and thank you for coming.

Treasurer Maryann Cockerille went over the Budget. We have \$58,067 in our account. There is about \$10,479.00 in Restricted Funds that's set aside, so that leaves us \$47,587. On the next page, the first column is what we spent, the second is what we budgeted. The \$550 in donations is over budget. Pumpkin Pizzazz is about \$8,736 and this is tentative. We will probably go over \$10,000, but we don't have the final figure yet. The Fall Supersale is \$7,600, and this took a hit because it was during the hurricane and we haven't paid the bill yet. We might be around \$5,000. T-Shirts and Merchandise is at a loss because we have bought a lot more items to sell, such as umbrellas, ponchos, etc. If you look at Expenses, you can see that HSA covers a lot of items for the school. The Reading Program is AR and HSA pays for this. Scholastic News is at a loss and we are trying to get donations for this program. It will be over \$2,000 in expenses for all students. On the back page it shows all the teachers were paid \$200 at the beginning of the year to use in their curriculum. We do this every year. Total Expenses are \$20,955 that we have spent and our Budget is \$40,125, so we are halfway through it. See Budget for complete details.

VP of Communications, Lori DiRocco spoke next. She said Pictavo, (the company that handles our yearbook), has just updated their system, so we are behind. They have eliminated the app so you will have to do it via their website. She will be sending out instructions for this soon. If you're interested in helping out with yearbook let her know. You will be able to order yearbooks and ads on our website too. The Yearbook Cover Contest is November 8th and runs through the whole month. Every student can participate and each grade level gets a winner. One student will win to get the actual cover and this is voted on. Please encourage your student to participate and the theme is "Hooray for Hollywood". Thanks to Megan Casas for designing the flyer for this contest. Our Website will be updated in the next few days, and all the information about events will be on there.

Gina Reynen, VP of Fundraising talked about the Supersale. She's hoping to get all the items in the next 2 weeks. When they come in they will go home with your child. Pumpkin Pizzazz was amazing and a big thank you to all the Room Parents and other parents who donated. Mr. Bushnell (who heads this event) is not here, but it went very well. If you are willing to help start planning for next year, please let Brent or Melinda know. The Parent Social is at Southport and big thank you to Noi and Buddy for hosting this event again. Ticket are \$20 in advance. If you can help with tickets sales or at the event, please sign up. Next, Niki Hill is running this year's Penny Challenge and she spoke about this. She said it's basically war against all the classrooms. Kids bring in their spare change, and change is positive and paper money is negative. This year we're going to do it by weight and the classroom with the heaviest bucket will win. Paper will take weight down, so we want more paper in. This event goes on during the first bell and the last bell, so it goes really fast. We'll need volunteers to help out with this, and info will go out soon. Next, Maryann talked about the Holiday Shop. It's always the week after Thanksgiving. We set up early in the morning and the kids preview that Monday to see what they want to buy. Then they come in with their class at scheduled times. All students can come in the morning from 7:30 to 8:00. It's a madhouse, so we need to have a lot of volunteers. We need help wrapping and to help little kids shop. The gifts will be categorized by Mom, Dad, Siblings, etc. The hottest item last year was the emoji pillows for \$15, and she couldn't keep them in stock. Go online and sign up to help out for this event. Gina talked about the Holiday Luncheon coming up. We decorate the art room and we ask for volunteers to bring in all the food and beverage items. Please sign up to volunteer at the luncheon, bring in food, or both. If you bring food

you can drop it off in the car loop. If you can do this, please commit early so we know what food is coming in, instead of it showing up at the last minute. Melinda said this is a luncheon that HSA puts together for the staff. Mrs. Bucolo said it's their favorite thing and they really appreciate it. Your name will be on the dish, so the staff knows who brought it in. Homemade or store bought are both welcome.

Christine Sjoblom runs the Adopt-a-Class program and she spoke next. She said it's been struggling this year, and she blames it on the hurricane. We ask businesses and families to adopt each class. Past years we were very successful, and last year we raised over \$20,000. We are not that successful this year. She read a list of teachers that haven't been adopted, and the Specials haven't been adopted. Mr. Ciotti (Music) and Ms. Hardison (Art) are supply heavy and could really use the money. She asked if there were any ideas on how to get these adopted, and to please contact her if you have any questions. Mrs. Brotman was adopted on the spot during the meeting.

Juliet Johansson, VP of Membership spoke next. She said we are doing well, but behind our goal. If you haven't signed up for HSA, please do. She said we'll run a little competition for all the classes, and if you get 100% membership, your class will get a popcorn party. It's \$10 for the year, per family, and this money goes directly to the programs at the school. She said we need Room Parents for Specials. 2 parents volunteered to do this on the spot. The Meet the Masters program is underway. It introduces the kids to the art masters. We are still looking for 4th & 5th grade parents to volunteer to help out for ½ an hour for this during Art class. You can volunteer on the website.

Principal Mrs. Bucolo spoke next. She said the county finally picked up all the debris. The stumps are not gone, because that's another crew, and she has no idea when that will be. We just had a makeup day from the hurricane last Thursday, and the next one is December 22nd. Harbordale has received the 5 Star School Award, and we are 1 of 25 schools that received this award. She's very proud of our staff members for this. Christmas On Las Olas is on November 28th. We perform in front of the Cheesecake Factory, and Mr. Ciotti has the 4th and 5th graders sing on stage. He does this again December 21st at the school as a repeat of the show before the holidays. Thanks to all who helped out at Pumpkin Pizzazz and we did Plan B because it was supposed to rain. Cadre 10-1 is visiting our school next Thursday. Mrs. Kashdin is hosting this and they are all coming here to see what we are doing at our school. We are getting ready for this and normally we put flags out for Veteran's Day, but we are doing this next Wednesday to hide the hole in the grass area and make it look nicer for our guests. Sunrise Middle came this past week to talk about their program and we feed into this school for middle school. The magnet and reassignments open December 1st and closes the 7th. If you are in as a reassignment, you are good, but siblings need to apply. If you miss these dates, you have to wait for the window to open again. November 16th is Barnes and Noble night. All parents and kids are encouraged to come. It's a pajama theme and details will be coming. It begins at 5:30pm, Thursday night. The ESOL Parent Info Meeting will be November 29th at 8am in the Media Center, and we have a rep coming out. The Harvest Drive is the food drive sponsored by Student Council. All students are encouraged to bring in canned goods, and this runs through Ft. Lauderdale High. Right after is the Toy Drive, and we give to local organizations. Field Days are in December with Ms. Hardison, and we need volunteers for this. Holiday parties will be the last week before we break. She mentioned that for Barnes & Noble, there's a contribution that goes to the school for that night, and purchases made through the rest of the week. A parent mentioned if we can get a discount on that night to get more parents to go. It was stated that maybe in the future we can ask, but we have already signed a contract with them. Maryann mentioned that she buys leftover toys from the Holiday Shop and donates these to the Toy Drive for Harbordale. Marylee mentioned that the Student Council is collecting and donating books to the Neonatal unit at Broward General and this is part of the Barnes and Noble night. Meeting adjourned at 8:57am.

