

HSA General Meeting September 28, 2017

President Melinda Morgan started the HSA General Meeting in the Harbordale Media Center at 8:07 am. She thanked everyone for coming. She thanked Nikole Hall and Tracey Shaw for the setting up the food in back, and they are in charge of Hospitality. A special thank you to Irma for messing up everything. She blew away the Parent Social, so that's been rescheduled.

Christine Sjoblom is head of Adopt-A-Class and she spoke about this program. She said because of the storm we are really behind with class adoptions. Usually at this time she would read off who hadn't been adopted yet, but instead she read which classes had been adopted. She said the money doesn't have to come out of your pocket, but you can ask local businesses. When you adopt a class, you get a few things such as thank you from the class, a listing on the HSA website and also recognition ad in the yearbook. She said if you have someone in mind and don't feel comfortable asking them, she'd be happy to approach anyone for you. The form is on the website and they can use their credit card. It's also a great way to get involved if you can't come to help during school hours.

Juliet Johansson is VP of Membership and she spoke about this. She said we are behind in membership, but should make it up once the room parents get up to speed. You can sign up on the website, it's really easy and you can pay by credit card. HSA sponsors a lot of great programs for the school and Meet the Masters is one that we help coordinate. Stephanie Kelly heads this and she spoke about the program. She said that we had a great turn out for the first volunteer meeting, but still need some volunteers. She said it's an amazing program, and we just need some people to come in and help. First session starts October 9th. You don't have to be artistic and it's during regular art class and its ½ hour. You can sign up on the website. Juliet spoke again and said we are close to getting all the Room Parents picked. You do have to be approved by the county, so make sure you do that. We have a quick Room Parent meeting in the cafeteria after this meeting. Please reach out to her or Kesha if you have any questions. LeAnn Pliske heads Volunteering so she spoke about this. The next volunteer opportunity coming up is Pumpkin Pizzazz so please sign up on website.

Gina Reynen is VP of Fundraising spoke next. She said the 4th grade class is selling coupon books and if you want to purchase one and it's through this week. She said Juliet and Marie headed the Fall Super Sale. If you haven't turned in your form we may take them up till tomorrow. Lori DiRocco mentioned that the coupon book has an app, so you don't have to have the book with you. The Parent Social is usually in September, but it's postponed till Wednesday, November 8th. A huge thank you to Noi and Buddy Sherman for hosting us at Southport for the Parent Social. More info will be coming soon. Pumpkin Pizzazz is coming up quickly and we really need your help. We usually have several weeks to get these baskets together, but everything is due next week. Please ask donations from businesses you frequent. If you need a letter to take to the business, the room parents should be distributing that soon. If you have any new books or games we can include it in the baskets. You can give donations to the room parents or leave in front office or give to Gina. Themes are being narrowed down this week. It doesn't matter if your donations don't fit the theme, we'll put it in, or add it to another basket.

Brent Bushnell is head of Pumpkin Pizzazz and he said it's Friday, October 13th, and it's a lot fun for the kids. The baskets are a huge part of the fundraising. There will be tickets sales for raffle tickets and game tickets in advance. He highly recommended to get your tickets in advance because both gates to get into Pumpkin Pizzazz will be backed up, so make your life easy and buy beforehand. Monday October 9th is official start of ticket sales for this. We are going to have corporate tables for \$250 where they can set up a table during the event. Orange Theory and Smoothie King bought tables already. If you need Brent to talk to any business on sponsoring the event, let him know.

Lori DiRocco is head of Public Relations and HSA's website and she spoke about all the information that's on the website. She said if you haven't joined HSA yet please do. She walked us through the website and showed us where the info was on the Parent Social. Noi Sherman stated that parking can be an issue during the event and you can park in the office building next door to Southport. She walked us through buying tickets for the Parent Social and tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. She showed us that Fall Super Sale and Meet the Masters info was listed on the website. She's really pushing the website because all the info is on there and we are trying to get rid of paperwork. It was asked if we could

donate or buy tickets right on the site. We don't, but we will try and work that out. Any event coming up or volunteer opportunities are on the website. She said if you have Amazon Prime you can sign up for AmazonSmile so a portion of what you buy goes towards Harbordale. Select Harbordale School Association Inc. as your charity. All you have to do is go to Amazon Smile instead of Prime so its free money for the school. There's an app for smile too. We incorporated a shop on the website to order t-shirts, rain ponchos, and umbrellas. She said the calendar is updated, so it includes HSA as well as school items like the curriculum meetings. It was also mentioned that you can export the calendar right to your phone. She stated the last thing to talk about is the yearbook. If you committed to the yearbook committee, the meeting is in the Art Room tomorrow at 8am to go over everything. The yearbook cover contest starts the end of November and will go for about a week. The theme is Hollywood.

Maryann Cockerille is the Treasurer and she had missed the last meeting. She made sure everyone had a copy of the budget. She said on the first page is the balance sheet and we have \$44,663.46 in our account now. Restricted funds are Adopt-A-Class, Class of 18, and the Dolphin tickets we aren't doing this year. The Reading program is denim days. There is \$8,617.03 in Restricted Funds and take that away and we have \$36,046.43 in our account. Second page shows the Fundraising. First column is what we take in, second column is what's budgeted, and third column is what we are over or under. Super Sale is a big number but we haven't paid anything out yet. On the Expenses, the major thing paid out is all teachers get \$200 every year in the beginning to spend on whatever they want for the class. The General Funds is what was approved last year to go towards the Media Center and the math stairs and this is not a part of the budget. The Reading Program is the AR Program. Meet the Masters still has money left. On the back page is Allotments and we budgeted \$40,000 to spend this year and we've spent about \$12,000 so far. The money we raise this year goes towards next year. We're doing pretty good, but not great because of Irma. See Budget for complete details.

The Principal Mrs. Bucolo spoke next. She thanked Mandy and she keeps adding to the Media Center with new items on the walls. The hurricane affected us a bit and we had some leaks in Bernard's, Vaughn's and Menolascino's rooms and it came in through the joints upstairs. They had to do some debris cleanup and hats off to Chad and his crew who helped clean up the campus. The debris is here till the District comes to clean up and cut limbs so it will be cautioned off for at least another month. The County has to take care of the surrounding off campus areas to cut and pull out trees. With the hurricane we had 7 days off which makes it tough to fit everything in. Please be patient for us to settle down and get everything fit in. On makeup days, she doesn't know, but heard that the County gave us 2 days, October 19th and December 22nd which were half days, but it's not set yet. Free breakfast and lunch for everybody till October 20th. and it's still free breakfast all year. Picture day had to be moved to October 18th and the kids don't have to wear uniforms. Curriculum rotation 4th and 5th last week was moved to this Friday, and 4th is next Thursday. D4 & 5 digital piece is October 10th, and you have to come for your kids to be able to take a computer home. The kids decorated Starbucks sleeves for peace and these will be used at the 17th Street location. School Board member Heather Brinkman wants to come to the school on the 11th for National School Week to see what's going on. Gifted symposium is October 27th at the Convention Center she thinks. She will send out info again. Barnes and Noble night is the 16th and you can purchase books and we get a portion of that. We will probably be at 465-468 for attendance. We do the budget in Spring and it's based on the projected numbers, and we have to hit that. That's how you make decisions on staff numbers and needs. If I didn't have HSA funds we wouldn't be able to purchase a lot of the extra stuff. She's not hiring any new staff. Supply money and custodial money will be reduced, but won't have to let staff go. Par profession teacher assistant Cortney Miller is now on board. Middle and high schools have police officers on campus on a rotating basis and the goal of the city is to provide this to elementary schools. They will be coming on Friday, trying to make a presence on campus in a friendly way and we welcome that. Lastly for Teacher of the Year, we get together and choose 1 person and this year it's Ms. Maddox who is Team Leader for 1st Grade and Teacher Liaison to the Board. Mr. Chad won for Non-Instructional Employee of the Year. We honor all their hard work.

Melinda spoke about the Weekly Reader which is the Scholastic News and it costs \$6 per child and we take donations for this. Cost of this is \$2,700 and we have raised \$150. You can still donate on the website. Also, Mandy said if you worked on Media Center this summer, you have been logged in for your volunteer hours. We need a lot of help in the shop. Raffle tickets were drawn and prizes given out of Harbordale merchandise. Next meeting is Thursday October 26th. Meeting adjourned at 9:08am.