

HSA General Meeting

October 20, 2020

8:30 via Zoom

Welcome: Gina Reynen: Welcome! I appreciate everyone taking the time to join us this morning. Thank you for continuing to stay involved, help us and support us as we help Harbordale. Huge thank you to Kim Falcon and all parents who donated to the “Welcome Back” brunch for teachers and staff. They definitely felt the love, and it was a nice way for us to support the staff.

Schoolwide Programs

Membership: Juliet Johansson & Jackie Carlson: We are at half of our membership goal. Please signup on the HSA website. It’s only \$10. We contribute to school via laptops and iPads, Meet the Masters, etc. Day at the Game contest: the class that is able to sign up the most members will win a class party for whole class. We will do a virtual party for those who are at home (with same prizes as those) in class. Students can wear a team jersey, have a game day snack and participate in fun activities. This will be a way to get kids, parents and teachers get excited. We will run multiple parties if multiple classes get 100%. Join at: Harbordalehsa.com – Join – Membership.

Maryanne C.: Can you explain the purpose of joining? Juliet J.: Besides supporting the programs, it also allows you to become an official part of HSA which allows you to vote on how we spend money, shape programs we run, and gets you on the distribution list for important communication.

Ulrica H.: I tried to join several times and had issue over phone.

Adopt a Class: Kelly Dean: We raise money for teachers from this program. Every dollar is used how the teacher thinks is best to use for the class and to keep cohesion between at school and at home students. We already have 6 adoptions. That’s a great sign. The official information will be sent in the next few days. This year we will have \$50, \$150 and \$250 donation options available. We want to make it easier for families and businesses to adopt. Classes can be adopted more than once, for a cap of \$500. If more is raised, the money is donated for the grade level to spend. I will send out the totals to HSA members via mailchimp.

Yearbook: Maria Chinda: Yearbook covers have started to come in. Eva will send out ad form to liaisons. Ads are due March 20. I will send out yearbook sales flyer – due in January. Regarding pictures, parents, please take pictures of your kids doing projects, doing fun things, attending class at home, etc. I will send a flyer to send to teachers. It would be helpful if teachers could send pictures of class. Cover contest goes until 11/13.

Merchandise: Maria Chinda: We are not selling white shirts (only XL available).

Fundraising: Sandy Stetter: Thank you to those of you who participated in the Trivia fundraiser. A local Rotary Club did a virtual trivia night. It was last minute, but we still had good results. We earned \$400, but a member donated the difference to reach our goal of \$600 for picnic tables. We are brainstorming virtual fundraising possibilities like a Virtual Walkathon, etc.

Holiday Shop: Maryanne Cockerille: Fun Services scheduled a fully virtual Holiday Shop 2 weeks in November (9-20) before Thanksgiving. Our percentage will only be 20%. Orders will be shipped directly to your house.

Budget: Maryanne Cockerille: The budget hasn’t changed since last year. The money we raise this year will go towards next year’s expenses. Last year’s income was cut short, so we budgeted ½ for this year and ½ for next (\$26,000 each year). Adopt a Class will be important because it’s the only money we’ll be giving to teachers

this year. We have \$66,000 in account (including some restricted funds for groups). Gina R: We did keep the full mini-grant budget if teachers or grades want to apply for funds.

Survey: Gina Reynen: thank you to those of you who have filled it out. We will keep it open through the end of the week. We ask what time is best for meeting. 8:30 was the best for most. We asked what virtual fundraisers would you be interested in participating in or volunteering with. Holiday Shop, book fair, walkathon and auction were mentioned.

Principal's Update: Mrs. Bucolo: Thanks for joining us on this rainy day. We are giving an update on opening (with Mrs. Kashdin). It's been nice to have students back on campus. We welcome all of them back. It's been very smooth. We spent so much time preparing and planning, and it's worked out nicely all in all. We have 465 students as of today. 227 in school. We have one of the highest percentages in the district. We've utilized all available space. Each room is taped with a capacity of 15 student desks and 1 teacher desk (16 total). Every time someone walks in class, they sign a log to keep track of contact tracing. If a parent wants to change from e-learning to at school, they can contact us in office and if there is room in class w/o going over capacity, we can adjust. We hope to not use overflow room. If you are in-class student and want to move to e-learning, you can switch. A hybrid is not permitted. Either you're e-learning or at home. District is discussing how to handle school in January. Arrival is smooth. Tardies start on Monday. Breakfast Program is available. Breakfast & lunch are free for all (grab and go model). Lunch: some students are eating in cafeteria, others at picnic tables, and others in classrooms. Only 5 students on a bench. Teachers get duty-free lunch. Recess: rotating outside. No equipment. Dismissal is going much more smoothly. Kindergarten is being dismissed 30 minutes early. We will move to dismissing K at 1:45. Many are in cars; some are in busses or aftercare. We eliminated walker area by marquis. Mrs. Bureau is dismissing the very few walkers. Thank you for your patience. Teachers are navigating between both platforms (students at school and at home). Health and sanitation is the priority. We have 2 nurses (isolation room and office) to help with any symptoms or injuries. Whole campus is taped (sidewalks, hallways, benches, front office, etc.) for social distancing. District has provided ample PPE. We put sanitizer on students when they walk in, during 2 chime times, and as necessary by teacher. Thank you for the lunch. Thanks to Gina for your work on our garden. City of Fort Lauderdale finished the intersections and thanks to Zoe Saunders. We have a full week off for Thanksgiving. Assessments (FSA) are a go. FSA was cancelled last year. We are participating in kids voting online on 10/2. Music room floor had termite damage and was treated and is being replaced.

Mrs. Kashdin: Halloween: We've been working with neighborhood schools and teachers to find an activity to do at school and at home. We will have orange and black t-shirt day on 10/30 and maybe show a Halloween video and/or do an activity, so we can celebrate this time of year, but maintain equity and adhere to district guidelines. Reach out if you have questions. Smart bond fund purchase: Electrical work had to be upgraded and installation will begin in November. Hopefully before winter break, we'll have new marquis.

Questions:

Kelly Dean: I know there are some kids in classes who don't have computers. Is there an update from District?

Mrs. Bucolo: I'm still waiting. Mr. Biggs has been able to give them remaining devices and iPads. It's an issue, and we can't share anything. Thanks to HSA for continuing to be involved and focused on our school. We are trying to find a way to acknowledge Veteran's Day. We are hoping for some normalcy in the future.

Gina R: Thank you Mrs. Bucolo and Mrs. Kashdin for working to make the transition smooth and keep it equitable for students at school and at home. I think things have gone smoothly due to your planning. Look out for emails, updates about Holiday Shop, and take the survey.

Adjourned at 9:26am.