

HSA GENERAL MEETING

DRAFT until approved at January meeting

12/9/21 @ 8:00am in Harbordale cafeteria & via Zoom

Welcome (Jackie Carlson): Meeting began at 8:11.

Hospitality Committee: (Kim Falcone) We handle teacher welcome back breakfast, holiday luncheon (next Tuesday) and teacher appreciation luncheon. I have slots filled to help during lunch, but we could use more financial donations. We are having Cuban food delivered with appetizers. We are also asking parents to bring in desserts. You can drop them off in the carline that morning. Drop off desserts (store bought only) on Tuesday morning. Lunch costs \$600, and we have \$800 (which will also go towards spring event).

Volunteering: (Ms. Gordon) I'm working with Christina Currie to recruit volunteers. If you're interested in volunteering there's a signup on the HSA website. There's teacher help and academic assistance with students. We are looking for a 2-3 hour commitment per week. You need to fill out the application with Broward Schools. We also have opportunities to shelve books and help in the morning with the carline, so please wear your badge, stay in the area where you are volunteering, and respect student confidentiality. Thanks, have fun and know you're making a difference!

Budget: (Maryann Cockerille) \$69,581 is in the HSA account. Restricted (funds we hold for different organizations like clubs, class of '22, etc.) totals \$12,391. \$57,189 is HSA fund. Fundraisers: We've \$13,850 raised, most is from Change Challenge. Dine Out to Donate, Donations, Membership, T-shirts also contributed. We are almost at budget, so anything we do from now on will be extra. The Holiday Shop is short-handed today, so please volunteer. We need parents to help students shop. Expenses: We've spent \$15,000 out of budget. We've budgeted \$35,950. The money we raise this year goes to next year's budget. We need to do an amendment to the budget. We normally fund buses for field trips, but we didn't budget for it this year. Mrs. Kashdin asked for buses to cover 2 5th grade field trips and potential trips per grade in spring.

A motion was made by Rinear Coulter and seconded by Kim Falcone to add \$3,000 to budget to cover buses for field trips. **The motion PASSED.**

Sandy S. Teachers sent in a request for playground equipment (balls, jump ropes, etc.). 2 years ago, we were able to gift the teachers these goodies. Today I'm asking for \$1,250 a year item added to the budget to cover this in the future. Last year I spent \$1,200. We didn't add money to budget from all potential income areas, so we have Spring Carnival, Holiday Shop, Bingo Night, etc. bringing in money. Just these events will bring in an additional \$18,000.

A motion was made by Rinear Coulter and seconded by Chantal Manno to add a \$1,250-line item to the budget to cover playground equipment for each teacher. **The motion PASSED.**

Merchandise and Yearbook (Maria Chinda): Yearbook covers: I announced on WHBC tv station this morning, and the bulletin board has the participants. Cover: Sebastian Stetter (5th – Rothenberg) and back cover: K: Tula Franklin (Webb); 1st: Sophia Palacios* (Garza); 2nd: Audrey Webb (Edler); 3rd Kylie Amento (Samuels); 4th: Lilly Shafor (Osheroﬀ); 5th Abigail Brandon (Osheroﬀ). Forget the Snap app. The best way to get pictures to me is to send to yearbook@harbordalehsa.com. If you're volunteering on site (parties, events, etc.), please take pictures and send them. Sandy will put the video of the cover contest winners on the Room Parent chat.

Merchandise is coming. A parent from school is producing the t-shirts.

Adopt a Class (Kelly Dean): All the teachers are adopted. Thank you for your help. We do this to benefit the teachers, on their behalf. We brought in \$12,000!

Fundraising (Sandy Stetter): good morning. Upcoming events:

Walkathon: Friday 1/28 will be the in-person Walkathon. This year will take it back to the car loop, saving on expenses like permit fees. It will be fun and exciting! We'll be asking for donations and volunteers.

Spaghetti Dinner: Friday 2/25 Church by the Sea is donating the hall, tables, chairs and decorations. Julie Ackerman, a Harbordale parent and member of the church will chair.

Principal's Message: (Mrs. Kashdin) Last week we had field day, and so many parents were helping. It's starting to feel like it did pre-pandemic. It couldn't happen without this group and Jackie Carlson's leadership. Between last week and this week, I'd like to recognize Christina Currie who is the Volunteer Coordinator for staffing our events and Maryanne Cockerille who is dedicating herself all week to coordinating the Holiday Shop.

Staff: New media clerk: Mr. Dinwiddie. We have a pool sub opening. This is a sub who comes every day.

Updates: We had a construction meeting as part of Smart Bond money to redo roofs and HVAC. They are in permitting process. Earliest activity will be during spring break, but it might be summer. The more we can do in non-student times, the better. When the process begins, we will have meetings with staff and parents.

Mask policy: Optional but strongly recommended. Whatever your parents tell you, you are expected to do. We are stressing respect, responsibility, kindness. We expect child to be responsible to do what you ask. Class pictures: if child wants to wear a mask, they should.

Traffic: Drop off in front of school is concerning on 15th. It's not a safe area. Each day more families are using it as a drop off. We want to remind parents we have the car loop for safety purposes, and we have to be good community members. It's not sending the right message about representing Harbordale when parents are blocking traffic.

Curriculum: Diagnostic 2 assessments are happening now starting with math and then reading in January. The opportunity with this tool is it measures mid-year progress. We are anticipating a lot of student growth, but it helps us target skills. Parents will get info in January. We take it again at end of the year and took it at start of year. This test helps with FSA data collection and measuring progress.

Questions: n/a

Joint Use Parks Initiative: (Zoe Saunders -City of Fort Lauderdale): City is partnering with Broward County Public Schools to open after school for the community. Next Thursday the Education Advisory Board will meet, and Harbordale is included in improvements to playground and use.

Kelly R.: What improvements are planned? Zoe: There will be updates to basketball court and expanding playground.

Alda: Can we purchase turf for the playground? Mrs. Kashdin: Turf is expensive but we can consider other ground covering.

Martita M.: What does it mean for us to have a park partnership? Zoe: We make improvements to school board property. The gate is closed during the day. After school hours, it's open to the community. Park Rangers will open the gates. These are designed to be neighborhood parks, not destination parks. VSY is an example.

Eva S.: Who handles cleaning? Zoe: Park Rangers handle cleaning at closing. If there are issues, let Ms. Kashdin know, call me or the city.

Kelly Ray S.: Is there a term on the agreement if things aren't working? Zoe: It's been an 18-month process, and we've had a lot of input.

Ulricha H.: Will there be a gazebo or shady area for people to hang out? Zoe: No. We'd not have a pavilion. They do the sweep in the morning and afternoon to clean up. It's a \$252,000 allocation. We want to invest in areas that are park deserts and really need the parks. Mrs. Kashdin: We've been in talks for a long time and discussed it last year at HSA meetings. City thinks it will have minimal impact on school, and if not, we'll make a change. Floranada and Sunrise Middle have it. If there's a problem, we will work it out. It maximizes the facility. HSA funded equipment for playground.

Martita M.: What does "park desert" mean? Zoe: There's a scoring we put in place, and we do an inventory to determine needs for each community. We consider any barriers and community access to the land.

Sandy S: are fence coverings being considered. Zoe: Yes.

Questions from Zoom Chat:

Zoom Chat: Will free lunch for everyone end anytime soon or is there any way to deny kids who bring lunch the opportunity to go through the lunch line. I'm concerned that I pack my child's lunch but they are adding unhealthy options. Mrs. Kashdin: Free and reduced lunch is for this year. If a parent reaches out to the cafeteria manager, Sandy, a note can be added to the account when the child's number is punched. They can provide alternatives if there's a doctor's note.

Zoom Chat: Is anyone having trouble logging in to I-ready? Ulricha H: Our teacher said it's fussy because there are diagnostic tests scheduled this week. Mrs. Kashdin: I-Ready system was down. It'll get better in January.

Zoom Chat: Does anyone know when Toy Drive deadline is? Eva S.: Friday.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:50am.