

## **HSA GENERAL MEETING**

*DRAFT until approved at March meeting*

2/23/22 @ 8:30am via Zoom

**Welcome** (Sandy Stetter): Good morning. I am the VP of Fundraising. Our President Jackie was collecting Spring Fling items in the car line, so she will be here soon.

**Nominations** (Sandy Stetter): We have various positions on our board, President, various Vice President roles, Coordinators...all sorts of positions that can be found on our website. Every year we look for new volunteers. This year, we have a ton of 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent volunteers we'll need to replace. It's so much fun to get to know the boys and girls. If you want to take part in this, reach out to [President@harbordalehsa.com](mailto:President@harbordalehsa.com)

**Meeting Minutes** (Sandy Stetter): Next, we need to approve our meeting minutes for December and January. They were posted on the website. We don't record meetings. A motion was made by Maryann Cockerille and seconded by Kelly Dean to approve the minutes of the December 2021 and January 2022 meetings. The motion passed. Maryann: motion to approve minutes.

**Yearbooks** (Maria Chinda): Be reminded 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents, it's your last year in a very special school, so if you want to make an ad for your kid as a reminder of their last year here, March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline. This deadline is up to yearbook company, so it can't be extended. I need the ads to finish the layout of the book. You can also advertise your business in the yearbook. This is a great way to get Harbordale business. Due March 1<sup>st</sup>.

I want to thank parents who have sent in pictures. Send to email. Spring Fling is coming up and I'm sure I'll get some pictures of that. Send pictures of the gift baskets for next year. If you have any questions, email me.

**Fundraising** (Sandy Stetter):

Walkathon: Thanks everyone for participation in the Walkathon. Last Friday we had our last event, the smoothie party for 170 students. We had a great time with the students. Please reach out if you'd like to help next year. We raised \$30,675 and had minimal expenses of \$2352.51 for a profit of \$27,052.99.

Spaghetti Dinner: 2/25 This is a vintage event from 20 years ago. We have a parent who attended as a student, and we've gotten her input. We were limited to the size/number of tickets due to the size of the venue. We were able to sell 85 – 90 tickets. It's sold out, but if you do have tickets, look for emails inviting students to participate in virtual rehearsal. Students will participate in a song. Tonight at 7pm is the last rehearsal, so get your students to login. We are also looking for volunteers. We need 6 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents to set up the morning of from 8:30-10:30, 6 right before the event 6 after the event. We also need 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents to donate desserts for the dessert table. The link is in the chat. We are looking for cheesecake, cannoli, & tiramisu.

Spring Fling: (Kristi Quarles) 3/11 5-8pm formerly known as Pumpkin Pizazz which we weren't able to do because of the pandemic. It's a beachy, luau theme. Kids can still accessorize. There are a ton of opportunities for volunteering. Stephanie will post openings and Christina Currie will head up volunteers. Slots are 1 hour. I need a parent or 2 to head up banner art, using old banners. Mrs. Hardison will draw something, and the kids will decorate a banner per grade. Looking for a parent to be a DJ liaison. We will have a timeline of events, so we need a parent to keep the DJ on those time lines. I need someone to de-gunk the spin art machine. I need someone to get the hotdog warmer out to see it works, so we can make hotdogs and brats. Hotdogs and brats are being donated and volunteers will cook them. We will bring back the cake walk, like musical chairs with cakes and pies. Mrs. Dixon and Ms. Edler will head up. We are calling on parents and grandparents to bake and drop off that morning in a throw-away pan. Volunteer slots will be on [harbordalehsa.com](http://harbordalehsa.com). Also looking for donations for cases of water. Drop at office with my name or KQ on them. Presale for tickets: hefty discount for ordering game and raffle tickets ahead of time. Presale will be available for 1 week, and you'll receive free tickets when you preorder. This will keep lines shorter. Online orders will go live next Monday. We need a 4<sup>th</sup> grade liaison for selling popcorn. We will pre-bag and sell popcorn Friday morning. If any of these jobs sound good to you, they aren't a big commitment.

Jackie C.: Basket raffle: At the Spring Fling, we do a big fundraiser that is a basket raffle. We are seeking items to include in our baskets. They are valued at approximately \$1,000. It's exciting to put your tickets in and possibly win. Each grade is making a basket with a different theme. K: Summer Fun, 1: (not on my list), 2: Stay Fit/Active, 3: Pampering Family, 4: Food & Fun, 5: Get out and Play. You can put anything in the baskets, gift certificates, etc. I will collect at morning drop off by spot #1 this week as you drop off. We did phenomenally today. Let's keep it going! If you have questions reach out to [president@harbordalehsa.com](mailto:president@harbordalehsa.com). I'll be there tomorrow and Friday, the last day to donate items.

**Volunteering** (Jackie Carlson for Christina Currie): If you'd like to volunteer, go to the HSA website (image shared). We'll be assembling baskets March 1 and 2 right after drop off. Perhaps there is something that will fit your interests.

**Budget** (Maryanne Cockerille): In checking \$66,027 account. Of that, \$8,171 is held in restricted funds, leaving HSA with \$56,875. That money is mostly from this year's fundraisers and the budget we haven't spent yet. Fundraising income includes Penny Challenge \$6,100, Dine Out to Donate \$2,100, donations \$1,849, Holiday Shop \$4366, membership \$2,289, etc. They are all above budget. We weren't expecting to do much this year because of Covid. Walkathon is a minus at the moment because we haven't gotten the money. We far exceeded \$10,000 budgeted. Expenses: all teacher allotments were paid out; that was a big expense. Total expenses are \$18,966 so far. \$40,450 of expenses were planned for, so we still have over \$21,000 to spend on this year's budget. Excess money raised will go to next year's budget. Any questions?

Recess items: Added to budget this year. \$1,500 will be added each year to budget for items teachers use for recess like hula hoops, balls, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, frisbees. Every class got items, so we will keep the line item. Kristi Q.: Recommends doing this a little earlier in the

year. Maryann: since it's on the budget, we can move it earlier in the future. All the money goes back to the kids. That's why we fundraise...to raise money for kids. Sandy S.: One reason we did the midyear recess items was to supplement after older items get used.

Grade Level Responsibilities: (Sandy S.) For those of you who are new or not aware, over the years, there are 5<sup>th</sup> grade activities that happen at the end of the year that are expensive. Over the years the budget has ranged up to \$3,000. The HSA has supplemented whatever parents raised. For instance, parents would sell water and pizza at Bingo Night. Parents would buy items, sell the items and keep the income in restricted funds to be used for 5<sup>th</sup> grade activities. HSA would set aside that amount for 5<sup>th</sup> grade activities. We've tried to simplify the process. Our whole goal with HSA is to improve student opportunities. 5<sup>th</sup> grade activities include graduation day, class picnic, field trips, t-shirts, etc. In an effort to simplify, HSA will now set aside the full budget amount. In exchange, we are asking for your help. If you have suggestions, email me at [fundraising@harbordalehsa.com](mailto:fundraising@harbordalehsa.com). Our first big event is Spaghetti Dinner this Friday. 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents/caregivers are going to be responsible for helping by donating desserts. There are 77 5<sup>th</sup> graders, so it's a doable request. In addition, we are asking you to volunteer to set up for the event. You can set up (6 before, 6 morning of, 6 after), so you can enjoy event. Next, Spring Fling: 4<sup>th</sup> graders. We are looking for a lead parent from 4<sup>th</sup> grade to purchase popcorn and pre-bag the popcorn (with a group). Also, to fill volunteer activities that go on during the event (spin art, DJ helper, etc.). Lastly, Bingo Night: 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. We are looking for a lead 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parent to purchase water bottles and sell water and pizza during event. There are 87 parents. We only need 5-7 in various shifts. You will find these opportunities uploaded to Harbordale sign up page. The HSA Board members are not the ones counting for this.

Questions: Christina Currie: If you want to volunteer as a lead, I will help you by making the sign-up sheet online to help anyone who wants to be a lead.

Questions : (Jackie) n/a

**New Business:** N/A

**Principal's Message (Mrs. Kashdin):** We appreciate everyone coming. I want to start with a thank you to Sandy Stetter and the Walkathon Committee. That was a fantastic event and kids had so much fun. The fundraising was amazing. Thank you for your hard work. We look forward to having that event back. The FSA parent training is posted on website if you weren't able to attend. It'll show what the FSA looks like and what to expect. Reach out to Ms. Gordon, our FSA coach, with questions. Activities: 2/14 was our Day of Service and Love to take pause for the MSD tragedy. We had an event at school, read a book that promoted peace and positive thinking and did an activity. Thank you, Ms. Bureau. After school, Ms. Currie organized an out of school activity where students and faculty did a project of peace and love they will display at Southside. Thanks to the arts center and Ben Sorenson. 1<sup>st</sup> graders did a service project collecting toiletries for the homeless. It was an important day for our students to learn the importance of spreading love, peace, kindness. Last Wednesday Mr. Ciotti took a group of students to Broward County Honors Chorus performance, and the students were recognized on WHBD. Jump Rope for Heart: students did some fun physical fitness activities to promote

health, and we raised over \$1,700 for the American Heart Association. Playground supplies were a big hit. We appreciate that support.

Announcement: Calvin Lambert who has been here 10 years has announced his retirement. He will leave next Friday. We are excited for him to start a new chapter but sad to see him go. We will hire for that position.

Curriculum: Volunteer flyer: we are looking for volunteers to help with the academic component. Ms. Currie is working with Ms. Gordon. If you have a little time, we can find a way to put you to work to help in classrooms significantly impacting students. We are off to a great start with volunteers helping from K – 5<sup>th</sup> students. Starting 3/7, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will take COGAT screening for gifted. Ms. Bureau put together career day this Friday. The kids love it (firefighter, police, etc. visit classes). In March, we are working to train teachers to update strategies to make sure we are improving, learning and providing the best opportunities for students. 3/3 at 8am: Fort Lauderdale Police Department will present internet safety training. It'll be time well spent. It's an in-person presentation at this time. The week of 3/14, we will celebrate World Down Syndrome Day – a wonderful parent is working with Ms. Early to teach students tolerance and appreciation in learning together.

Questions: Stephanie (reading chat) Is there a date for 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation? Mrs. Kashdin: 6/6 (Monday) is tentative date. Sandy S.: reminder about Spaghetti Dinner. There is a max number, and it's sold out. It has to do with the room capacity. Today at 7pm is final virtual rehearsal on this Zoom link.

Stephanie S.: (reading chat) When will schedule for career day be sent? Mrs. Kashdin: I will have Mrs. Bureau reach out with that information.

**Closing** (Jackie Carlson): Thank you for joining. Don't forget to come see me in the car loop with donation items!

Adjourn: 9:20am