



Harbordale Elementary

**School Association(HSA) Minutes**

900 SE 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

March 16, 2023

**Present at the meeting:**

Stephanie Streicher

Mindy Runyan

Anne Bruckner

Rinear

Marissa Cibrian

Maryann Cockerille

Maria Chinda

Kerri Kibler

Eva Shoop-Shafor

Elsa Mohete

Vanessa Jogusztyn

Francheska Munoz

Kim Falcone

**Present at Via Zoom:**

Midge Royer

L'Wade lewin

Kelly Dean

Christy

Rebecca Gilbert

Jackie

Willam

Call to order: 8:02am

**Approval of February Minutes:** Motion by Rinear Coulter and seconded by Stephanie Streicher

**Welcome** Eva welcomed everyone and went over the meeting etiquette.

**HSA Business**

Eva introduced new business. HSA is seeking nominations for new officers through April. A nomination committee is being put together that would include, one board member and two parents who are not board members. The non-board member parents are typically parents who are active HSA members. Many positions are becoming available because some 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents are moving on while others are running for other positions. Parents from the lower



grades are encouraged to sign up for a position. Eva stated that “we need some new blood” on the HSA board.

## Committee Reports

**Dine out to Donate:** BurgerFi on 17<sup>th</sup> street, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Orders have to be made in person. HSA won't be credited for orders done via the BurgerFi app or DoorDash.

**Spaghetti Dinner:** Dinner was a success. The night was comfortable, both parents and kids had fun. There were plenty of leftovers. The numbers from the event are not yet available so it's uncertain if a profit was made. There is talk of moving the event to the start of the school year to be used as a kickoff event.

**Math Night & Book fair:** They were a great success. Although it was a hectic week, the bookfair raised over \$14,000. HSA goal was set at \$3500. Scholastic will keep 50% of the money raised if the school chooses the Scholastic dollars option, but scholastic dollars have to be spent on Scholastic catalogue items. If the cash option is taken, then the school only receives 25% of the money raised. The school is looking through their options. Scholastic gave a tentative OK for funds to be applied to Scholastic News. Eva thanked everyone who volunteered at the bookfair.

**Bingo Night (Vanessa Jagusztyn):** A family event to be held on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the school cafeteria. Families are encouraged to bring their kids. Amazing donations have already been received: a two nights stay at the Conrad, tickets to the museum and tickets to Butterfly World. Help and ideas as well as donations towards kids prizes were requested. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are expected to volunteer at this event and in return would receive a stipend towards their end of year 5<sup>th</sup> grade events. They will be responsible for providing the food at Bingo night.

**Five Grade End of year- (Kim Falcone)** Fifth grade finally gets to reap the benefits of their volunteering throughout the year. The team is in the middle of planning the end of year events. 15 to 20 volunteers are needed on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 2pm for the Fifth-grade picnic at Snyder Park. The signup sheets are expected to be posted right after Spring break. Fifth graders and their parents are expected to have a great time. Lots of food and games will be provided. A volunteer to create the 5<sup>th</sup> grade slide show was requested. Slideshow is typically two pictures of each child: a current picture and a younger picture from kindergarten.

**Volunteer Update-** Volunteer hours log sheets are available in the HSA cabinet at the school's office. The cabinet is located near the door. These forms are important! It allows you to log in your volunteer hours on and off campus. Hours worked on school projects taken home can be logged on this sheet. The school could possibly be recognized for these volunteer hours. The deadline to complete these forms is



on or around April 6<sup>th</sup>. A scanned blank copy will be sent out the room parents. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to volunteer in in order to gain money for the final year school events.

**Treasurers Report (Maryann)-** Eva encouraged everyone to look deeply into the presented budget and to provide input on events and activities from current and previous years. They will be meeting to develop a budget for the next school year very soon. Some things on the budget can be changed with approval from administration. Maryann noted that the budget gets bigger every year because things are so much more expensive today. In the past event would cost a few hundred dollars but now they're in the thousands. That's why it is necessary to do all the fundraising. Money raised goes to the school. Maryanne encouraged everyone to keep donating. As of March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, there is \$108,844.54 in the account. \$9,015 out of that total is restrictive funds. Restricted funds include funds for Adopt a class, Reading program, Student Council operating funds, World Down Syndrome fundraiser and class of 2023 and 2024 operating funds. HSA only has \$99, 828.93. Looking at the current budget, we are way over on the fundraisers. Walkathon funds and Bingo Night have not yet been reported. Money raised this year goes to next year's budget. She encourages everyone to bring budget suggestions to the board. Committees like Hospitality and Meet the Masters have been requesting an increase in their budget. So far about half of the budget for the year has been spent. Most of the expenses will be covered by the end of the year. According to Maryann the budgets looks good.

**Principals Message (Mrs. Kashdin)-** Mrs Kashdin, Stated that the District 3 School Board representation, Sarah Leonardi visited the school yesterday and as they spoke about school needs and activities, she was impressed at how much HSA supports and funds at Harbordale Elementary School. Many schools are supplemented by other programs but HES is supported by all the fundraising done by HSA and parents. That's very impressive for such a small school. Mrs. Kashdin expressed gratitude and appreciation to HAS for supporting and funding all the great programming at the school. Shout outs were sent to MS Bureau for a successful Career Day and to Ms. Hardison for an awesome Meet the Masters Event. She thanked everyone who participated in the program and HAS for funding the cost of the supplies. Recognition was given to volunteers of the bookfair for making it a success. Math Night was such a success, that it may be made a tradition here at Harbordale.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student from Ms. Hanley's class who participated in a Black History month essay contest hosted by the Governor, won the art contest for the entire state. He went to Tallahassee where he received a certificate and his framed picture from the Governor and his wife.

This year 5<sup>th</sup> Grade participated in the Retired Educators Literacy contest. They wrote essays about their grandparent and their favorite memory. The top three winners came from Harbordale.

Tonight at the District Art youth Gallery, two students will be representing Harbordale. Their art will be on displayed among the best of the best in the county.



Interviews for the classroom assistant for the intermediate grades will be happening soon. Mrs Rothenburge Maternity leave will be covered too. She will be on maternity leave starting at the end of the month.

PM3 will be the week of May 8<sup>th</sup> through May 19<sup>th</sup> . Grade specific dates will be sent out later. This assessment is the one that's tied to promotion. Just like FSA, the end of year assessment has to meet a certain criteria for promotion and if that is not met, then other assessments will be administered.

On the SMART BOND construction update. Work is presently being done on air units in the old buildings. Work is being done after school from 2:30 to after 8pm. They will be working through Spring break. They started with the music room then will move to kindergarten. By summer the media center and 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be worked on and maybe some roofing will be done. So far it has been a very successful partnership. No work is being done during school hours.

The recycling bin had been placed on Miami rd. The school partners with Florida textile recycling program. The school receives a percentage of the funds raised from the donation received. Pickups are done once a week. They will do pick up if the bin becomes full before the week is up.

There has been an increase in the use of smart phones at schools by students. The District has policies to address the use of smartphones during school hours. Students are allowed to have or wear the smart devices but they can't use them during school hours. Smart phone will be enforced after spring break. Device will be confiscated, and locked up in the office. A parent is required to pick up the device from the office. Parent were asked to help with the process by locking the device during school hours Instructions will be send out on how this could be done.

Everyone was encouraged to complete the annual customer survey. No more than 10-15 minutes is required to complete the survey. It's an opportunity to give feedback.

Register to ride, is asking everyone who uses to the school bus to register for the upcoming school year. The child's CLEVER username and password can be use to log in. There is a deadline in July that has to be met in order for the child to ride the bus.

**Parent Social (Rinear)-** Dates and location for the event were requested. Rinear wanted to know if parents liked going to the bar or if they preferred a brunch. Brunch might be difficult for some parents to attend because of the kids. Eva suggested consulting with Mrs Kashdin on a date because teachers are encouraged to participate in the event. Rinear stated that there is already a tentative date. It's also difficult to get donated venues for Friday nights. Wednesdays and Thursday would be more suitable nights.

**Adjourn 8:36 a.m.**