

## HARBORDALE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of this organization is Harbordale School Association, or H.S.A.

### ARTICLE 2: MISSION STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1: H.S.A. exists to enhance the relationship between school and home by providing parents and educators cooperative opportunities to provide for the physical, emotional, social, and moral education of children attending Harbordale Elementary School.

Sec. 2: H.S.A. seeks to improve the school's facilities and physical and social environment whenever possible.

Sec. 3: H.S.A. renders voluntary assistance to develop and implement the total program of student instruction and education.

### ARTICLE 3: POLICIES

Sec. 1: H.S.A. is an educational organization. Its meetings, committees, and projects shall further its objectives.

Sec. 2: H.S.A. shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian, non-partisan, and non-racial. The name of the association and its officers shall not be used in an official capacity in connection with any commercial concern or partisan interest, or for any purpose other than the regular work of the association.

Sec. 3: H.S.A. shall not seek to direct the administrative activities of Harbordale Elementary School, nor control of its policies.

Sec. 4: H.S.A. may cooperate with other organizations and agencies active in child welfare, such as conference groups or coordinating councils, provided that they make no commitments binding upon this association.

### ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP, DUES, AND FISCAL ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1: Dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per school year per household. By majority vote, the executive board may waive the payment of any dues owed.

Sec. 2: Upon payment of dues, any person interested in the welfare of the students of Harbordale Elementary School, any person with a child or ward enrolled at the school, and any member of the school's faculty or staff may become a member for the current and/or succeeding association year.

### ARTICLE 5: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sec. 1: Effective August 1, 2024 ~~March 13, 2019~~, the executive board shall consist of the ~~ten~~ (10) officers of the association: the President, First Vice President (Fundraising), Second Vice President (Communications), Third Vice President (Membership), Fourth Vice

President (Public Relations), Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, **Volunteer Coordinator** and Parliamentarian. Any duly elected in place at the time of the adoption of these by-laws shall remain in place until the school year ends each year.

Sec. 2: Duties of the executive board shall include: a) to conduct association business between meeting of the general membership; b) to recommend parent representatives to the school advisory council; c) to prepare and submit for association approval at its May meeting a budget for the succeeding association year; d) to approve expenditures within the approved budget; e) any other responsibility approved by the membership at a general meeting.

Sec. 3: The executive board shall meet as called by the President or three other officers of the board, with appropriate notice 48-hours to all officers. The executive board shall meet at least three times during the association year either in-person or virtually. Four (4) officers shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 4: Any person may attend an executive board meeting with the approval of a majority of officers present.

#### **ARTICLE 6: ELECTIONS**

Sec. 1: No later than April 30th of each year, the executive board shall appoint a nominating committee of three persons, including one board member selected by the president and two non-board members. The nominating committee shall propose a slate of at least one nominee for each office, and post same on the H.S.A. website at the school no later than five (5) school days before the May meeting. Nominations may also be made for chair of any committee or event authorized by the executive board. The consent of each nominee must be obtained. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the May meeting, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Sec. 2: Officers shall be elected for the succeeding association year at the May meeting of each year. Any officer shall be eligible for the same office until a majority vote rules otherwise. The executive board shall fill vacant positions occurring at any other time, with the approval of at least four (4) executive board members being required to declare or fill a vacancy.

Sec. 3: Terms of officers shall coincide with the association year. Signature cards on association accounts shall be updated on or before June 15th of each year.

#### **ARTICLE 7: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Sec. 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and executive board, shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee, shall represent the association, and shall perform all other related duties. The president shall appoint all committee chairs subject to approval by the executive board. Upon request by the treasurer, the president shall sign appropriate disbursements for the association.

Sec. 2: The first Vice President (Fundraising) shall coordinate the fundraising activities of the association and chair meetings in the absence of the president. The First Vice President may sign appropriate disbursements for the association. The first VP shall review monthly bank statements

and balance sheets. The first VP (Fundraising) is the liaison, but not limited to the Walk-a-thon, Holiday Shop, Bingo Night, Pumpkin Pizzazz – including raffle baskets, ~~Box Tops~~, School Supplies, Dine Out to Donate, Parent Social, Change Challenge, **Book Fair** and Display My Art coordinators., ~~in addition to the SAC/SAF representative.~~

Sec. 3: The second Vice President (Communications) shall oversee and update the H.S.A. website, email communications to H.S.A. membership, and coordinate all H.S.A. postings on social media. He or she will chair meetings in the absence of the President and First Vice President. The second VP (Communications) is the liaison to the ~~Volunteer~~, Newsletter and Social Media and Website coordinators, **International Liaison and the SAC/SAF representative.**

Sec. 4: The third Vice President (Membership) shall promote membership drives, maintain an accurate list of members and their contact information, , and new student family outreach. He or she will chair meetings in the absence of the President and first and second Vice Presidents. The third VP (Membership) is the liaison to the Hospitality, Room Parent, **Lunch with the Principal** and Meet the Masters coordinators.

Sec. 5: The fourth Vice President (Public Relations) shall chair the yearbook committee, be responsible for all P.R. and signage for each fundraiser. He or she will chair meetings in the absence of the President and other Vice Presidents. The fourth VP (Public Relations) is the liaison to the Flyer, Marquee, Bulletin Board, ~~Sandwich Board~~, Garden Club, and Beautification coordinators.

Sec. 6: The Secretary shall maintain the records of the association, prepare minutes of each association and executive board meeting, and prepare correspondence as directed by the President and/or executive board. He or she will provide published meeting minutes to Vice President Communications to be posted on H.S.A. website. He or she will also be responsible for sending thank you letters to the appropriate parties.

Sec. 7: The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the association, maintain an accurate record of receipts and expenditures and with the President or First Vice President disburse funds as authorized by the budget and/or executive board. The Treasurer shall prepare a monthly report, present a written report at each association and executive board meeting, and file reports with the secretary. The Treasurer shall provide the First VP Fundraising with monthly bank statements and balance sheets for review. The Treasurer shall be the liaison to the Adopt-A-Class Coordinator and the Merchandise Coordinator.

Sec. 8: The Assistant Treasurer will train with the existing Treasurer and eventually take over the position or transition someone into the position.

Sec. 9: The Parliamentarian will ensure that the by-laws are updated after amendment changes, and that the board is following proper protocol for the organization.

**Sec. 10: Volunteer Coordinator shall oversee volunteer activities within HSA. The Volunteer Coordinator shall be part of all event committees where volunteers are needed. Volunteer coordinator shall recruit volunteers for events by creating signups, if needed.**

## **ARTICLE 8: MEETINGS**

Sec. 1: The general membership of H.S.A. shall meet at least three (3) times annually in-person and/or virtually. The date, time and location of each meeting will be determined by the President. Meetings may also be called by three (3) other officers, provided that their names appear on a notice posted on the H.S.A. website at the school at least five (5) school days before the proposed meeting. Association meetings shall be held at Harbordale Elementary School whenever possible.

Sec. 2: At least one of the three required meetings shall occur during the first semester of the school year, and at least one of the three required meetings shall occur in May, at which time officers and budget for the succeeding association year must be approved. Each meeting shall be announced by email and/or posting on the H.S.A. website at the school, , and/or the school's marquee at least five (5) school days before the meeting.

Sec. 3: A quorum shall consist of ten (10) members in good standing. Making motions, debating, voting, and being nominated as an officer shall be limited to members in good standing prior to the date of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE 9: COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Sec. 1: Each event, project, or activity sponsored by H.S.A. shall have a committee chair responsible to the executive board. Each committee chair shall be approved by the general membership at the May meeting, or if not so determined, appointed by the president.

Sec. 2: The fifth grade class shall have a parent representative responsible for coordinating activities with the Executive Board. All monies raised by the fifth grade class shall be held in a H.S.A. restricted account to be disbursed as needed.

Sec. 3: Special committees shall be created by the Executive Board as required, with chairs appointed by the President and responsible to the Executive Board. Chairpersons may include, but are not limited to: Hospitality, ~~Volunteer Coordinator~~, Teacher Liaison, Adopt-A-Class Coordinator, Garden Club, Campus Beautification, Room Parent, Marquee, Meet the Masters, Sandwich Board, Website, and Merchandise Coordinator.

## **ARTICLE 10: AMENDMENTS**

Sec. 1: The Executive Board may amend the by-laws by meeting and voting. The by-law change will then be proposed and voted upon at any general meeting of the association by a two thirds (2/3) vote of members in good standing present and voting, provided that the proposed amendments have been posted on the H.S.A. website at the school for at least five (5) school days prior to the general meeting.

Sec. 2: The members of the H.S.A. Executive Board shall consist of those individuals who satisfy criteria established by the Board of Directors and to whom the Board of Directors of the H.S.A. shall issue invitations for membership. All Executive Board members must be approved county volunteers and in good standing as members of the H.S.A.

## Emergency By-Laws

### **In accordance with the 2022 Florida Statute**

(1) Unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise, the board of directors of a corporation may adopt bylaws to be effective only in an emergency defined in subsection (5). The emergency bylaws may make all provisions necessary for managing the corporation during an emergency, including:

(a) Procedures for calling a meeting of the board of directors within 48 hours of state of emergency has been declared;

(b) Quorum requirements of three officers for the meeting; and

(c) Designation of additional or substitute directors.

(2) The board of directors, either before or during any such emergency, may provide, and from time to time modify, lines of succession if during such emergency any or all officers or agents of the corporation are for any reason rendered incapable of discharging their duties.

(3) All provisions of the regular bylaws consistent with the emergency bylaws remain effective during the emergency. The emergency bylaws are not effective after the emergency ends.

(4) Corporate action taken in good faith in accordance with the emergency bylaws:

(a) Binds the corporation; and

(b) May not be used to impose liability on a corporate director, officer, employee, or agent.

(5) An emergency exists for purposes of this section if a quorum of the corporation's directors cannot readily be assembled because of some catastrophic event.

## **ARTICLE 11: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Sec. 1: *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be the governing authority for conduct of all meetings of the Board of Directors and all committees, except where inconsistent with law, the Articles of Incorporation, these By-Laws or the rules adopted by the Board of Directors or any such committee for the conduct of its meetings.

~~Revised this 23 Day of February 2023 by majority vote.~~