**HSA General Meeting- April16, 2025**

**Start 8:05am**

**Welcome** (Stephanie VP of Fundraising)- Let’s approve the March meeting minutes. Talia makes a motion and Kerri seconds.

**Educational Session** (Jess Price)- dye free family resources- Jess (Zoey’s mom). Food dyes impacting our family. More awareness. Emotional outbursts. Crazy hyper, angry emotional. Be more disciplined. Looked at a psychologist. Sensory processing disorder. Last November, my daughter received a red ring pop. Started looking at food dyes and how it affects behavior. Dr. Rebecca Bevans has done some studies. Food dye is in everything. Can make you feel sad, angry, hyper, etc. Stopped using for one week. Look at the labels. She wasn’t triggered as easily. Angry crying fits stopped. Broward county does not allow dyes in food. Worry about the snacks, treats from class parties/teachers. Register her as allergic to food dyes. Give her candies/snacks that do not have dye. Provided scientific articles. FDA has banned red dye # 3. Linked to behavioral difficulties and decreased attention among children.

**Fundraising Update**

**Room Parent Update (Julie Loughery)-** Staff Appreciation week of 4/28. Room parent should have sent out the flyer to your class. Gives suggestions on how to show appreciation to your teacher/staff. Mindy, hospitality chair, will be hosting a staff luncheon on 4/30. If you have any questions about Staff Appreciation week, please contact your room parent.

**Public Relations Update (Talia)-** yearbook sales end on 5/15.

**Volunteer Update (Kerri)-** thank you to everyone that came out for the book fair. Meet the Masters is all this week. Still need more volunteers. Do not need to sign up online, just show up. You do not have to be artistic or creative. ’25- ’26 nominations- Following positions are needed- Secretary (board position), dine out to donate, Russian speaking liaison, room parent coordinator, ESE fundraiser coordinator, co chair for Walkthon and parent social coordinator. If anyone would like to run against these people you are welcome to. It is an election.

**Treasurer’s Update (Maryanne)-** $114,710 in our account, $9,731 restricted funds. HSA has $104,979. First column is what we did, second is what we budgeted. We have taken in $60,930 and budgeted $45K. $15K over budget in fundraising. Book fair is not on there yet. Expenses- paid out $33,178, budgeted $56K. Roughly $23K to pay out this year in expenses.

**Administrative Update (Kashdin)-** thank you to Wislande and Moira for chairing the book fair. Kids excited to read. Spent a lot of money. Thursday, we had a great math night. Great opportunity to do a family night. Thank you to our Meet the Masters, Melanie (5th and 3rd grade parent), working with Ms. Hardison. Thank you to Maryanne for coming out every day for the book fair. Leaving to go to a budget meeting for our district. Broward funding to be lower. Enrollments have dropped a little. Schools are being impacted. Last week had mental health awareness video. Kids and anxiety. Concise video. Push it out to parentsin Dolphin Doings. Thank you to Jess for red dye presentation. Share at our SAC meeting. Ft. Lauderdale sewage project. 90% plans submitted. 5/1 permit phase. 6/5 start date. Completion date prior to 8/1. Talia Garcia is in the field so she will help me make sure I’m asking the right questions. Keep you posted. Testing incentives. Tell kids to work hard and try your best. Meeting their testing goals, grade level pizza parties and dress down days. Appreciate the students hard work. PM3 promotion criteria. Testing- reflex math 2nd- 5th grade. Take your child to work day 4/24, volunteer breakfast 4/25. Let front office know if you didn’t receive your invitation.

**For the good of the group (Stephanie)-** anything to share? No

**Next meeting is 5/15, no zoom, in person to vote on nominations and budget**

**Mary-** book fair is open online still. Are there any teacher wish lists that haven’t been fulfilled? Wislande- I don’t think there is anything left. Moira has the lists. I’ll check with her. Anyone have money in their e wallet, it can carry over to next years book fair or continue using online.

**Adjourned- 8:50am**