**HSA General Meeting- February 20, 2025**

**Start 8:05am**

Welcome (Stephanie)- Let’s approve the January meeting minutes. Rinear makes a motion and Talia seconds.

**Fundraising**

**Walkathon**- Sponsorships have closed. Shirts have been sent to print. Event will be held next Friday in the car loop. We need volunteers for set up, cleanup and 3 different shifts of cheerleaders to encourage the kids to walk about the car loop. Volunteers will manage rough housing, make sure kids are walking (not running) and shoelaces are tied. Increased credit card processing fee on FundHub, now over $10 per transaction. Unable to combine individual fundraising with sponsorships. Credit card fees expected to average around $2 per $50 donation

The funds raised go directly back to the school. Last year we were able to purchase Promethean boards for the teachers. Please let us know if you have any suggestions. Someone had brought up possibly a new sound system which costs approximately $10K. It was hard to hear everyone at Bingo Night. The more we fundraise the more we can afford. Need a snack sponsor. After walking give them a snack, pirate booty, fruit, etc. Either put towards individual fundraiser goal or business sponsor. Can’t do both.

**Parent Social (Alison)-** Thursday, 3/13 from 5:30- 7:30pm at Phat Boy Sushi- QR code is not live. Can still purchase tickets on HSA website. Need of raffle items. We have some good silent auction items.

**Miami Open**- super easy. Push it out to social media. $10 goes back for every ticket sold.

**Book Fair (Moira and Wislande)**- 4/7-4/11 held in the media center. Looking for volunteers. You will be able to purchase books for your teachers. Can pay with the e wallet. We contacted Scholastic. Any funds from last year will still be available this year in your account. You will also have the option to round up. If your total purchase is $5.75 you have the option to round up to $6. That would go back to the school. Open house will be that Thursday during math night. Last year we had complaints from parents that students just bought toys. Tell the kids to buy a book before they can buy a toy. Encourage kids to read. Parents can send in a note if you are okay with them buying whatever they want.

**Yearbook** (Talia)- 3/1 is the deadline to purchase yearbook ads. You can buy your yearbook until 5/13. If you don’t remember if you purchased a yearbook, please email me and I’ll check. If you attend or volunteer at any events please send me pics. yearbook@harbordalehsa.com. The deadline for photos is 4/15. If you have trouble creating your ad reach out to me.

**Volunteer** **Coordinator** (Kerri)- Walkathon is next week. We need a lot of volunteers. Especially for set up and clean up. I will post the volunteer sign up for the book fair after the Walkathon is over.

**Treasurer** (Maryann)- We have $99K in our account. Total restricted funds is $7100. $91,120 is HSAs. Our budget goes from 7/1- 6/30. Restricted funds we have class of ‘25/26 hold money for them. If they don’t spend it all, the class can donate it back. We hold Sunshine funds for them. Not ours to spend it’s Sunshines $ to spend. First column is what we took in, 2nd column is what we projected. We are not doing change challenge this year. Total fundraising- we have raised $39K, projected $45K. Total expenses- we spent $25,817. Projected $56K. If we don’t spend by 6/30 rolls over to general account. Rinear is my new assistant treasurer.

**Principal Update** (Mrs. Kashdin)- Thank you to everyone that participated in Career Day back in January. Ms. Bureau did a great job coordinating this fun event for the students. Great opportunity for the students. We had firefighters, police, etc. Friday, 2/14, we had day of service and love. Recognize the tragedy at MSD. Took the theme You Belong by the butterfly garden. Each child got to put their fingerprint. You have a place here. Send a positive message and beautify our school. In addition, on our school board communications there is a whole segment, channel 4 and 10 news also featured the mural. In addition, thank you to Mckenzie for bingo night. Highly attended and great event. Kids were excited about the prizes. Also, thank you to the Kiblers for coordinating the Donuts for dad. Over 125 dads. Overreached our expectations. Maybe have it earlier next year. Staffing- we hired our bilingual Russian/Ukraine speaking teacher assistant, Ms. Ina. We hired a reading coach. 3/1 have her in place. Stephanie, can you make an announcement on DOJO for the reading coach? Yes, we can do that. Park agreement, open our playground on weekends and nights. We will discuss more at our SAC meeting on Tues at 2:15. Start talking about ideas. Opportunity for parents to give some input. $275K to spend. Just for the intermediate playground. We have gone down on our tardies, now we need to focus on absences. The district is starting to generate absentee letters through Focus. Yearly assessment. Measures progress. ESOL contact Ms. Bureau. Each year given money to upgrade library books. Spent $4K so far. Ms. Gia has been weeding out books. Pulling books out and replacing new ones. Part of the donation we received last year. Delegate $2500 to get additional media books. What happens to old books? Bring back to district. Walkathon- Ms. Gordon has volunteered to wear a tutu on the day of the Walkathon if we get 300 students registered on Fund Hub. As of this morning, we had 89 registered. Need people to register. Registration is free. We have 500 students. Getting kids excited. In March 17- 20. World down syndrome day. School activities. Day before spring break do a crazy sock day. Inclusion and awareness. Excited to announce volunteer of the year. Staff nominates can only select one. Highlighted at district level. Kelly Dean is our volunteer of the year. She is a fifth-grade parent. She’s had 8 years of volunteering and manages the Adopt a Class program. Presented with a bouquet of flowers. Acknowledged for dedication and hard work. School Property Maintenance**:** Inquiry about a mud hole outside the school fence. Responsibility unclear between school and apartment building. Action Items**:** Follow up with Ms. Hardison for resolution.

Stephanie- Starting in 3rd grade each grade will get assigned an event and if they volunteer and step up to help with the event they will get $1000 for their 5th grade graduation. By the time they graduate they will have $3000 that will go towards their graduation party. Difficult to track volunteer hours. Board meets and asks, were there a lot of 3rd grade volunteers at bingo night? Did event run smoothly or chaotic because we didn’t have enough hands? If talking about after hours. Parents sign up for one hour shift and don’t show up or stay for 3 hours. Rinear- nobody understands the process. Identify the coordinator from that grade level. Push it out beginning of the year. Flyers Did you Know? Send it to the room parents. If we want to continue the program. Maryann- years ago grade levels used to raise their own money. They didn’t get money from HSA. Out of hand what 5th grade spends now. Prices gone up. T shirts, party, graduation, Snyder park. Discuss it more next meeting. Discuss in May for in person meeting. Should we continue? I’ve been a 5th grade parents. Costs are high. Do you want to hire a DJ? Magician? Feed them? It all costs money.

Next meeting is 3/20. Adjourned 8:52.