

HSA Meeting October 13, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 8:04 in the Harbordale Media Center. President Patti Zimmerman welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She thanked Nikole Hall for the breakfast she supplied in back, and she told everyone that Claire French is selling "Keep Calm Volunteer" T-Shirts at the meeting. Patti introduced Principal Mrs. Bucolo who thanked all the parents for attending. She stated she was very behind with the hurricane and days off, so she had to run to make up some meetings, and that Assistant Principal Mrs. Kashdin will be in her place at the meeting. Patti stated that we didn't have printouts of the budget yet and they would be coming shortly during the meeting, so we will go over recent purchases. HSA bought new rugs for K-5 grades, and purchased a new bulletin board. Mrs. Bucolo added that Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Heath put up the bulletin board, so a thank you goes to them. For Art we purchased a large drying rack for Ms. Hardison. The resource room got \$4,000 and it's being divided up between the grades. 4-5th grade classes got the Mountain Math program. Patti thanked Gina Reynen for the Parent Social even though she missed it. Treasurer Maryann Cockerille mentioned we had record numbers on the Parent Social. She said we made \$4,788 which is the highest ever made, and we normally make in the \$3,000's. We have \$2,000 for Membership which is over budget. Parent Social is over budget. Super Sale is over budget, but the figures aren't all in yet. T-shirts are over budget, so we're doing really well.

Patti thanked Sarah Mullen & Marie Reny who did a great job on running the Super Sale. They had never done it before, so thank them if you see them around.

VP of Membership Melinda Morgan spoke and said we have 207 members, which is about 50 better than last year. We have 450 students, so we could do better and that \$10 adds up. You can still pay via PayPal on website. Juliet Johansson proposed sending out a letter with a list of the items that we have been able to buy for the school that was bought with HSA funds. Secretary Jil Simon noted this and will put a letter together.

Chairperson Brent Bushnell talked about the upcoming Pumpkin Pizzazz, which is next Friday 5-8pm. There will be 15 midway games with lots of prizes and the kids love it! We are still taking donations for raffle baskets. We need all donations for baskets by tomorrow for display next week. He asked parents to go out to dinner tonight and ask for the manager when you get the check and request gift cards from them. Next week the baskets will be out front. Raffle tickets will be sold in advance. Take flyer home to show potential donors. Boards are filling up but still need people to decorate. PDQ is helping out for food, as well as Pie-zan's Pizza will be there. There are still a couple of slots to fill for volunteers and donations. Parking is normally a big issue and we secured 2 parking lots that are open grass lots where Holland's Nursery used to be on East side of the school. There will be a kids costume contests with prizes awarded. You can't officially park in the Bank of America lot, but police will be there so you aren't towed. Brent added that if anyone wants to take on this event, Brent will be leaving in 2 years. He worked with Barry Zimmerman last year and did 10% of the work. Next year he needs a 10% person.

VP of Public Relations Patty Heath talked about the Yearbook Chair (which she has headed for many years) and this will be her last year. She asked if anyone is willing to help her out this year and would need to take the Yearbook Chair next year. The publisher Yearbook Life was hosting a training seminar that morning that they have every year and invited anyone interested to come with her. She will start sending out information on how to upload photos to the yearbook and she relies on Room Parents and others to send in photos. Next month she will send home info for yearbook cover contest for kids to submit artwork and one will get chosen for the cover. We will keep with the superhero theme, and each grade level winner will be on the back cover. Family Fun Day at the Dolphins game is next weekend and we have 4 tickets left. The game is Sunday and the tickets are \$60 each, including bus and the seats are in the shade.

Patti mentioned that a Holiday Shop assistant is needed. Maryann is Chairperson for this and Yolanda Fox Neumann said she will co-chair, but she might not be back next year. It's a 4 day event and Monday is preview day. Kids come in to purchase gift items and it's really cute. It is a big time commitment for 1 week. Mary Lee Optekar volunteered to co-chair this event with Maryann.

Assistant Treasurer Ellen Whiteman spoke next. She thanked everyone for selling and buying the 4th grade coupon books and they made \$1,800 to go towards 5th grade. Next event for the 4th grade is the Pumpkin Pizzazz Bake Sale. They still need volunteers to help sell at the tables during the event.

Maryann continued with budget and gave the abbreviated version. First page shows we have \$79,509 in the account and out of this \$21,000 is held out as restricted funds, so we end up with \$58,000 in our account. Back side of the page shows the Fundraising & Expenses. The first column is what we have spent, and

second is what we budgeted, and the third is what we went over or under. Extracurricular Activities get money from HSA and they haven't spent much yet. General Funds is all the stuff Patti talked about earlier. There's \$4,500 in the Reading Program and Agenda Books have been paid. Science Assemblies went a little over. One of the Assemblies will be the MOD coming to the school to do hands on experiments with the students. Specials have been paid and each teacher gets \$200 in class and all have been paid. On the Second page Teacher Allotments, Weekly Readers is -\$900, that we haven't paid yet. Yearbook has funds left over from last year. There was a question from a parent on the balance in the Music account. Music is doing a fundraiser with selling recorders and the funds will go away as he buys them. See Budget for complete details.

Patti announced that December 13th will be the Holiday Luncheon, so put it in your calendar.

Volunteer Coordinator LeAnn Pliske talked about the volunteer spots that need to be filled for Pumpkin Pizzazz. She read names of the emails she has that have bounced back to try and correct any misspellings. She has sent out about 5 emails from SignUp.com and a lot of people haven't opened them, so please open! She is working with Cari Rodriguez on getting clinic and media staffed.

Christine Sjoblom, Adopt-a-Class Chair spoke. Her goal was to have every class adopted including Specials, and every class, including Specials have been adopted except for three, which are Guidance, Music and Mrs. Chee. She heard that the parents were trying to get together to adopt Mrs. Chee. LeAnn Pliske said she will take Guidance or Music. We are at \$10,050 for Adopt-a-Class.

Patti talked about SAC & SAF updates. Kathy Diaz is our rep. Mrs. Kashdin said SAC stands for School Advisory Council. It includes teachers, parents, and community stakeholders. It's an integral part of school and a lot of decisions are made at this level. SAF are school reps at the District level. Everyone is welcome at either meeting. Look for info on upcoming meetings and it's usually the third Tuesday of every month. Patti spoke for Kathy Diaz and said the district is looking at the calendar for next year. Opinions have been sent off, and next year there will be new start dates. Kathy will let us know in January what the decision was. Mrs. Kashdin stated that Secondary has exams right after coming back from Winter Break, so different start times could change this.

Mrs. Kashdin did the Principal's update. She said it was important to thank everyone for coming. She has spoke with other colleagues and they were lucky to get 5-6 people at their PTA meetings at other schools. First it is FTE week and it's very important to have all 469 kids in attendance during this time. The schools funding is based on this attendance. We are hiring a new teacher assistant. The hurricane update is that thankfully we were spared, and she wanted to publically thank the custodial staff that worked very hard on making sure the school was safe. They haven't been notified of makeup dates from the storm. Everybody knows about Haiti and they want to work with the Student Council to collect change for Haiti. Kids will raid their piggy banks, and this will run for all next week. Then they will give the funds to Red Cross. A question was asked about putting a donation box with food, etc., and Mrs. Kashdin was going to look into it. Money is easier than shipping items. Goal is to send out Tuesday to the kids, and this will be a good learning lesson for students. We will need help getting money to bank with the coin machine which is at 5th & 3rd Bank. They said we can use their Downtown location for this. Upcoming events are the ESOL parent meeting tomorrow. They will meet with a group of families where English isn't their first language and make sure their needs are being met. Parents have on October 18th an anti bullying meeting. We have had one for staff, the students, and now it's the parents turn. It will be at 8am in the Media Center. The Sunrise Middle date had to be postponed because of the hurricane, and we just need to come up with another date. Mr. Ciotti is doing the Holiday show at Christmas on Las Olas and he always does a great job. Wednesday December 21st will be the show at school. Lastly, thanks to all the fundraising, we have scheduled 2 assemblies, the Never Ever Everglades Science Assembly, and MODS will do hands on experience in the Spring.

LeAnn mentioned a few years ago the police came in to do cyber security and can he come back? Mrs. Kashdin stated that Ellen Whiteman was working on that and they were trying to coordinate.

Patti asked if there were any questions, and thanked everybody for staying. She drew out 3 raffles tickets and Claire French read off the winning numbers. Three parents received \$10 gift cards to Starbucks, Smoothie King, and Dunkin Donuts. All cards were handing out and congrats to winners! Next week will be crazy, and the baskets will be out. Please buy tickets ahead of time, and avoid the lines at the event. See you next month on the 10th. Meeting adjourned at 8:55am.