

## **HSA General Meeting August 31, 2017**

New President Melinda Morgan called the first meeting of the school year to order at 8:05am in the Media Center. Melinda welcomed everyone for coming. She thanked Mandy, Claire and Tammy for working on the Media Center over the summer. She gave a thank you to Nikole Hall and Tracey Shaw for putting the spread together this morning and for the Coffee and Kleenex on the first day. She introduced the board members. Gina Reynen-VP of Fundraising, Lori DiRocco-VP of Public Relations, Juliet Johansson-VP of Membership, Jil Simon-Secretary, Claire French-Parliamentarian. Maryann Cockerille is the Treasurer, but is on cruise in Alaska so we'll meet her at the next meeting. Ellen Whiteman-Assistant Treasurer.

Ellen Whiteman welcomed everyone. On the first page, we have \$37,661.55 in our account. She explained that HSA gets to decide on how all the money we raise is spent. In the budget there are certain funds we hold on for different grades. These are a part of the Restricted Funds and what falls under this we can't spend. The second sheet has all the Fundraisers and Expenses listed, and we estimate how much we are going to raise based on last year. As the year goes on, all the money we make we will be giving updates as it's spent. All the things we spend money on are under Expenses, and we need to vote on an item. The beginning of the year we give all teachers \$200. A change that's been made is we have STEM focused time when the students come to the Media Center. Now that we have this program we want to fund this teacher. The Board recommends that we raise Science Lab-Experiments to \$200. LeAnn Pliske motioned to increase Science from \$50 to \$200. It was seconded so motion passes. The next item is the Cafeteria gets funds of \$200 to pay for unpaid balances of the children. We float the money to the Cafeteria till they get funded. Melinda made a motion that that we have a \$100 Cafeteria balance for this, and it was seconded, so motion passes. Melinda told everyone that we just voted on two items on how our money is spent so you can see how HSA works.

Juliet Johansson spoke about Membership. She introduced the Volunteer Coordinator LeAnn Pliske and she helps in getting everybody organized. Kesha Aristud is Room Parent Coordinator. Meet the Masters is Stephanie Kelly. She thanked Hospitality Coordinator Nikole Hall and Tracey Shaw. Juliet's main goal is to let everybody know what HSA stands for, and that we get to help contribute to our kid's experience at school. If you haven't signed up yet, it's \$10 for family, per year. We are trying to drive all sign ups to our website to collect addresses and be paper-free. If you have any questions or problems contact her. To become a Room Parent you need to be a member and you need to be an approved volunteer through Broward County. Ms. Rodriguez will talk about that. You will see a link on the website to sign up for Room Parent along with a description. The teachers will select the parent, and if that parent wants help they can pick someone as well. If you have questions reach out to me or Kesha. Meet the Masters is an artistic program that we help fund that exposes kids to a lot of different artists and mediums. Stephanie and Ms. Hardison put together a program for the year. We have special art budget for this and we look for volunteers to help. Kick off meeting is in the Art room at 8am on September 11th. Stephanie said HSA supplies such a great budget for this and it's a great program and a lot of fun, but we need a lot of hands to help. It's only ½ hour, so it's not a lot of time, and you don't have to be artistic. LeAnn stated that with all events that we do, the parents are the special sauce that makes these events great.

Lori DiRocco spoke about the Yearbook and said if you are interested in helping in any capacity, please let her know. She has three lone soldiers helping out and it's a big undertaking, so any help is welcome. She said we have integrated Facebook and Twitter, and this has up to date info and it's quick. She's going to start pushing info there. Twitter is [@Harbordale\\_HSA](https://twitter.com/HARBORDALE_HSA), and if you like or follow us that would be great. Our website was launched halfway through last year. Any event coming up will be on the website for you to sign up for them. It's mobile friendly so you can get things done this way, and we are trying to be more efficient. If you need help, reach out to Lori or the other board members. We are trying to make everything be in one spot, and the Calendar of Events is updated almost daily on the site.

Melinda said in red folder there will be Adopt-a-Class forms next week. It's a program that we get a local business or parent/family to donate \$200 for each class. This is a really important way to get money to the classes.

Cari Rodriguez spoke and stated she is the Curriculum Specialist and Volunteer Coordinator for Harbordale working with LeAnn. She said we are desperate for volunteers. You have to reapply with Broward County this year even if you

were approved last year. Type in "[browardschools.com/getinvolved](http://browardschools.com/getinvolved)" to sign up. The school's theme this year is Hollywood and the volunteers "set the stage for success". Cari was having technical difficulties so we moved to VP of Fundraising.

Gina Reynen said her position was to be in charge of all the fundraisers for the year. The money raised is used right back in the school. Some of the things HSA purchased last year were area rugs for all rooms, new iPads for grades K-3 (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> use laptops). Also purchased was a secondary math program called Mountain Math and it was bought for all classes, and it's used during centers at children's own pace during class. There is a whole second library that teachers use for the classes and we bought a lot of new books for this room. She introduced Tammy Rivard who is in charge of selling t-shirts, ponchos and a lot of other merchandise that can all be purchased through website as well. Kyla Starks is not here but is assisting in raising money for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and we have coupon books available to sell for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Marie Reny and Juliet are handling Fall Super Sale and more information will go out Tuesday. Marie said there's an assembly that the company puts on to sell to the kids about the prizes they can win for sales. The sale goes for a week and half. Parents can help out by taking the packet to work, and this is Harbordale's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest fundraiser. There's a sign-up sheet for next 10 days where we need volunteers for 20 minutes before drop off to take in orders and hand out lanyards.

Brent Bushnell who is the Pumpkin Pizzazz Coordinator spoke about the event and that it's the first really big fundraiser, and we need a lot of volunteers. It's on October 13<sup>th</sup> and we close down the parking lot and have games, prizes, face painting, cake walks. It's a big money maker and each grade puts together a basket. People collect items for the baskets and they are raffled off, and we are looking for stuff to put in the baskets. This event is labor intensive, and you can sign up on the boards (that are displayed at the meeting) as well as on the website. We have to finance this so we need underwriting too. If you want to volunteer, you have to sign up for your badge through Broward County.

Gina continued and spoke about the upcoming Parent Social which is a really great event and it's on Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> at Southport. She gave a big thank you to Buddy and Noi Sherman for hosting the event again. It's a great chance to mix and mingle with other parents, and there will be a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction. We need helpers so there will be sign-ups for volunteers. Tickets are on sale now.

Cari came back up. She said when you're approved you can get your star badge in the front office. Then you are cleared to help out at events or at the school. This is for safety of the students and the School Board insurance. If you are doing things after school hours, please log in all the things you are doing so it can be counted as additional volunteer hours. If you get more than 200 hours you will be recognized in May. The guidelines are that we prefer you limit technology use when you volunteer, and you need to have badge on you at all times. We are looking for people to shelve books, organize uniform closet, work the clinic, go on field trips, field days, author visits, health screenings, Meet the Masters and Holiday Shop. If you do volunteer for 5 hours you get to come to Volunteer Breakfast in May. Melinda introduced the Principal Mrs. Bucolo. She stated that she hopes that every General Meeting is always overflowing. Mrs. Kashdin is the Assistant principal. She wanted to thank first the people working behind the scenes all summer. Open day was smooth as it could be except for parking, but I cannot change the parking situation. The police are helping out with speeding and parking where you're not suppose to. The Custodial staff, Calvin, Chad and Steven are wonderful and have worked all summer to get the school ready. Our Media Center looks beautiful. It's a multipurpose room and is used for a lot of events. She thanked Mandy, Claire, and Tammy for all of their work. HSA funded the remodel, as well as supplying all the volunteers. Don't look at the carpeting, we are working on that to replace too. The District came in and they are painting the whole school exterior. They will probably be another month of painting. Our school got an A this year, and it was due to the students, teachers and staff to get this grade. We are very proud. Enrollment projection was 469, we are at 460 now. The Curriculum meetings are coming up, so please mark your calendar. The teachers present the curriculum for the year and it's very important to come to this. The 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades parents have to be at these meetings so your kids can take home their computers. A parent social is scheduled for Kindergarten next Friday at 8am, and everybody can come. It's not formal and HSA will be here. Hopefully every week you're getting an email from us and "Remind" will push out things through text. She thanked everyone for coming, she knows our lives are really busy, but the best thing you can do is spend time with your children at school.

Melinda encouraged everyone to get involved. Meeting adjourned at 9:09am.