

HSA General Meeting
August 27, 2020
Harbordale Cafeteria
8:30 via Zoom

Welcome & Thank you: Gina Reynen (President): We'd like to share last year's accomplishments and this year's plan.

HSA 2019-2020 Accomplishments: Sandy Stetter (VP Fundraising): Last year was amazing. Our budget afforded \$5,000 for AR (Accelerated Reader) program, \$4,000 for Scholastic News, agendas, Flocabulary, 30 new laptops, art smocks, PE equipment (soft balls, kick balls, baseball gloves, parachutes), etc. Every classroom got jump ropes, kick balls and recess bags. Fundraising will look different this year with reduced expenses and no upcoming events. Fundraising is at a minimum.

Annual Membership: Juliet Johansson (VP Membership): Purpose is to drive members to HSA, our school's parent/teacher association with a \$10 membership fee. Despite not being able to fundraise, we have expenses we need to cover out of donations. If you can give more than \$10 to join, please do. Being a member helps you stay connected on our distribution list, so you get access to emails. Sign up at harbordalehsa.com. At top of page there is a slider with a membership image, or you can go to "home" and choose "membership." Please sign up now! Email Juliet with any questions at membership@harbordalehsa.com.

Classroom Liaison: Eva Shoop-Shafor (Room Parent Coordinator): We are temporarily organizing classroom liaisons instead of room parents while we are learning virtually. The liaisons will facilitate communication between parents in each class, the teacher, school and HSA by creating a contact list and setting up an email and chat group. To volunteer, please email roomparents@harbordalehsa.com, join the HSA and get approved as a county volunteer.

Amazon Smiles: Sandy Stetter: Support the HSA from home using Amazon Smiles. For every purchase, Amazon will donate to our group. Go to Smile.amazon.com click menu, tab/scroll to bottom and select Amazon Smile. Add charity as Harbordale School Association Inc.

Introduction of Board members:

Lori DiRocco (Vice President of Communications)
Maryanne Cockerille (Treasurer)
Cheryl Hinkson (Assistant Treasurer)
Sandy Stetter (Vice President of Fundraising)
Juliet Johansson (Vice President of Membership)
Jackie Carlson (Assistant VP of Membership)
Kelly Dean (Parliamentarian)
Eva Shoop-Shafor (Secretary)

*We need a yearbook coordinator. Walsworth has great ideas about a successful yearbook this year.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Bucolo: Welcome to our new members, and thank you to our returning members. In 33 years, this is the most challenging thing I've ever done in my career. Teachers did an incredible amount of training and preparation. We hoped for the best. We are trying to be patient to get people through. We have had some tech issues, but I think we will see some light soon to make it easier for some of you. Some may choose to not come back when face-to-face returns and instead continue with e-learning. Classrooms are set up with 6 ft distancing. Each class has a pile of furniture ready to be removed when we return to school. Mrs. Kashdin and I are constantly coming up with new plans from scratch. Students, staff and families have been wonderful. From the bottom of my heart, I'm proud.

We have families working from home, families in pods, and you do the best you can do. Some are in local daycares. K and 1 are much more difficult to navigate and will rely on packets to help. Parents will pick up packets from bins outside school. Hopefully this will cut down on the difficulties. We distributed laptops, and only have 20 left. Mr. Biggs has done his best to fix what we have. District is using a virtual call center, and Mr. Biggs is in call center on off days. Food distribution is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11-1 and 3-5. If you come, you get a bag with 5 days' worth of meals. Free and reduced lunch students get it free/reduced. If not, you get cafeteria price. Enrollment is low at 473 students as of today. Kindergarten is lowest. Most schools are the same. When we open we will get more students back. Our prior projection was 506.

Curriculum: We are going slowly on purpose. Teachers are repeating directions and processes over and over. Next week academics will increase, and after Labor Day there will be more increase with I-ready diagnostics and math prerequisite test, reading assessments, etc.

New staff: Mrs. Rodriguez went to middle school after 7 years at Harbordale; Mrs. Taylor got a district position. New hire: Lauren Gordon – Reading specialist and Christina Early – ESE specialist (50% and ESE teacher 50%).

Fill out the beginning of the year forms, and return the acknowledgment to Lauren. We have limited staff on campus: Lauren, Kathy and Kristen are fabulous. When you have a chance, send them a thank you. Mr. Biggs, Mrs. Kashdin and I are here every day. We have to do most things online. Mrs. Early, Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Bureau are here most days.

Mrs. Kashdin: We will work through issues together. We are now focused on online etiquette, rules and procedures. We will push out updates on Dolphin Doings email on Mondays. Patience will be our favorite word.

Mrs. Bucolo: Business as usual. SAC and HSA meetings will proceed as planned. We will be ready to let students onto campus when we're allowed to. Parents will be an important piece because we can't do it alone. We need assistance to make it happen. We'll look back and think it was a wonderful experience. Kids are resilient.

Questions/Comments from Parents:

Serge (new parent) Thank you for your time and candid patience. Mrs. Bucolo: Kindergarten didn't get to have tours/new orientation as usual.

Zoie Saunders thanks teachers for all of their hard work.

Kathryn Roberts: Regarding the school survey on reopening option. Full time option mentions it won't be with CDC guidelines. What will plan be? Mrs. Bucolo: I don't know the plan. I apologize for the surveys. Your choice may change your choice. I don't know what district will ask. It might be hybrid. It will depend on the guidance from School Board.

Maria Galdos: So far in first week I am impressed with Mrs. Solis's class. I'm happy to hear you are trying to accommodate needs. I feel supported. Thank you for listening to our needs.

Mrs. Bucolo: Be patient. Teachers are learning. No homework, unless there is an ongoing project. One positive: no rainy day dismissal. No big meetings or events per district

Florence Barner: Thank you!

Monivette Acevedo: Thank you for communication. I'm new to system and district.

Closing Remarks: Gina Reynen: Thank you. We look forward to seeing you in future months to discuss virtual fund raisers, budget, etc. we look forward to connecting next month and when school is back.