

HSA General Meeting
May 19, 2021 @ 8:30am via Zoom

Welcome (Gina Reynen): Thank you all for being here. I know it's not been the same this year, but I appreciate you all taking the time to be here. It was a different year, but I think we navigated it well to raise funds and do some projects. Special thanks to all who volunteered and the Board. Also, I'd like to thank all of the parents who contributed to our Staff Appreciation. Thanks to Kim Falcone for organizing it, but also to parents for the funds.

Book Fair (Cherie A.): Overall, we made almost \$800 for the reading program. Parents, let me know by Friday how many books you ordered. Send me child's name, teacher and number of books. Text (504) 430-7255 or email: Cherie.Aguinaga@browardschools.com. Mrs. Webb's class is in the lead with the most books! Gina R.: We made approximately 10x more than we did last year, so we are hopeful we can do it in-person next year. Thank you for all of your help!

Yearbook (Maria Chinda): We have a few yearbooks left. Sale is extended until June 1. I believe we've broken even, but we're hoping late purchases will push us over. I'm excited to see what it looks like in person. Gina R.: I've seen the electronic layout, and Maria did a tremendous job putting it together. It was a lot of hard work, all on Maria's shoulders. Stephanie S.: Can we sponsor a yearbook for a child who didn't earn one. Mrs. Bucolo: If you'd like to donate a yearbook, it goes through Mrs. Bureau. Maria C.: To avoid confusion, please email me if you buy a double to donate. Gina R.: I think you could put Mrs. Bureau as the teacher and "donation book" as the student.

Budget (Maryann Cockerille): \$68,722 in account. The 2021-2022 budget was finalized May 11th. Restricted funds are set at \$7,808, leaving \$60,914 in HSA budget. Since we don't know what next year will be like, we divided our current budget in 2, to save for the following year in case we are limited from doing fundraisers again next year. Fundraisers: donations, Holiday Shop, T-shirts, Walkathon, Membership. Next year it's the same, but we added Change Challenge (\$500). Budget will be \$14,250 next year. Gina R.: We tried to be mindful creating the budget as our opportunities will most likely change as August nears. We are not limited if the school is fully opened, so we can make changes if possible. Maryann C.: The budget can always be amended if things improve.

Expenses (note categories that have been reinstated for next year): Admin (same), Author Assemblies (added), Bank Charges (same), Cafeteria Fund (same), Cards and Gifts (same), Custodian Needs (same), Emergency Snacks (same), Extracurricular Activities (added), Field Day (added), Field Trip Busses (kept off), Field Trip Scholarship (kept off), Gardens (same), Graduating Class Startup (same), Hospitality (raised to \$1000), Incentives (raised to \$1000), Insurance (same), Meet the Masters (added), Mini Grants (same), Misc. (same), Principal Discretion (same), Reading Program (same), Schedule Day Minders (raised), Scholastic News (same), Science Assemblies (off), Signage (same), Spanish Competition (off), Specials & Teacher Allotments (reinstated at \$100 each), Staff/Teacher Appreciation (same), Technology (reinstated), website (same), yearbook (same). Maria C.: if we sell 2 more yearbooks, we break even.

Jerry R: Recommended a policy change to allow teachers to get supplies from a teacher allotment fund in case one teacher needs more and another teacher gets less. Gina R.: In addition to this amount, we have Adopt a Class where each teacher can make up to \$500. Kelly D.: Teachers can share Adopt a Class money if they can't utilize it all or there is another teacher that needs to make a large purchase. Gina R.: We also have mini-grant money as an opportunity for teachers to make additional purchases. Mrs. Bucolo: Typically,

teachers purchase things during the summer, and they are very appreciative when they return that the money is there. In the past, it's been very appreciated. Maryann C.: I don't know in all my years here of us ever turning a teacher down. Gina R.: I'll add there are two teachers that are official members of the HSA Board. If there are immediate teacher needs throughout the year, they will come to me or Mrs. Bucolo.

Gina R.: Do we need to provide extra money for custodians for cleaning supplies, etc.? Mrs. Bucolo: As of now, all of our supplies have been provided from the district. I don't know about next year, but I have some stocked. Gina R.: The \$100 fund we've had for Chad has been used for things like a shovel, a leaf blower, etc.

Christina C.: Is there a possibility for the HSA to add an allotment for children who are in the Heart Program for children who are homeless or at risk? Gina R.: How could we help these students? Christina C.: The families would be identified by a Heart outreach coordinator. The coordinator would identify specific needs like backpacks or snacks. Mrs. Bucolo: Mrs. Bureau is the liaison for Heart and foster children. We do have backpacks, uniforms, etc. to donate. If we don't have larger sizes, HSA provides them. Breakfast and lunch are free & transportation is taken care of. We give free tickets for school functions. For instance, we offer free yearbooks. We also have the advantage of having our social worker here 4 days a week. Gina R.: HSA has field trip scholarships, and we pay for the cost of the bus for 1 field trip per grade level. Eva: Maybe we can reach out to Ms. Bureau to see if there are additional needs we might help to meet.

Vote on Budget: Kelly Dean: I move that we adopt the 2021-2022 budget. Jerry R. 2nds. All in favor? (hands raised) If anyone is opposed, please let us know. (No opposition shown) Gina R.: Budget has passed as presented.

Vote on Leadership: Gina Reynen: leadership slate has been posted at school per our bylaws. The leadership nominees are listed following these minutes.

- President – Jackie Carlson
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- Vice President of Communications – Stephanie Streicher
- Vice President of Membership – Chantal Manno
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Gina R: I will recommend Christina Currie for Volunteer Coordinator and Marivi Bryant as Parent Social Coordinator. We are still looking for several positions. If anyone from the floor would like to suggest themselves or someone else, please do.

Jerry Ratigan: I volunteer for Bingo Night.

Kelly Dean: I move to confirm that the above-mentioned names are confirmed for the 2021-2022 school year. Jackie Carlson: 2nds. All in favor? (hands raised) All opposed? (no hands raised). The leadership nominees are approved.

Principal's Message: Mrs. Bucolo: Thank you to the entire Board this year. Under Gina's leadership, you've been fabulous. I can't say how much we thank you. Staff Appreciation was fabulous. I thank Kim Falcone. Quarterdeck provided so much food and a sushi boat. It's a welcomed change for them to get a nice lunch. Everyone got a gift card, and that was a wonderful surprise. I had a sneak peek at the yearbook. It's very cute and will be a great remembrance of the year we've had. It's been a different school year. Thank you for being patient and understanding. We all hope we get back to normal next year. We will wait into the summer to see what the district tells us. I think we'll start to be able to have volunteers on campus. I don't know if we'll be able to have big events. We'll play it by ear. Governor DeSantis spoke about returning to normal in schools. That will be our district's focus. There will be a change in leadership downtown. We don't know what will happen. Masks: The District says that masks are still required in school this year for anyone on campus. Our students have been wonderful. We aren't sure about masks for summer school. We are still distancing until we hear otherwise. Orientation and open house: unsure how we'll handle.

Enrollment: 481 students as of today. Projections for next year are 485 students. I'm confident we will have that number or more. If we get too many more students, I can ask the District for more money. If we are below the projection, we will reduce staff.

Testing: 5th grade is testing math this week. 4th grade is Thurs and Fri. for math. Next week science for 5th Mon & Tue. We were allowed to spread out testing season to accommodate students coming in from home & distancing. We will be done next week except for makeups. We've also tested 1st and 2nd for end of year assessments. District is having us look at promotion criteria. 3rd grade FSA will be back at end of June. 4th and 5th will take until July.

Summer school will be available for all students including pre-k at Croissant Park M-Th. 8:30-12:30 for 6 weeks. Attendance is flexible. There are gaps in our students, so summer school will help students close the gap.

The last day of school is June 9th/early release. Awards/parties: K-4 teachers will send out invites for parents to view a ceremony via TEAMS. K: Mon., June 7 @ 8:30; 1st: Mon., June 7 @ 9am; 3rd & 4th: Tue., June 8 @ 8:30; 2nd: Tue., June 8 @ 9:00; 5th: Fri., June 4th @ 8:30. 5th grade ceremony will be in cafeteria, sent to parents via link. Students will walk the stage and get certificates, etc. We'll have a fun day prior to that (t-shirts, modified field day, painting rocks, etc.). If you are donating for parties, everything should be individually wrapped.

Joint Use Agreement: The City of Fort Lauderdale approached me about opening the playground for the community after school and on weekends. Gina R.: City has partnered with several schools to utilize playgrounds for community parks for those in the neighborhood (during non-school days/hours). They are expanding over the next year. They came out to look at our grounds to see what would need to be changed. The idea is that on the weekends or over the summer, the back gates could be opened for a few hours for neighborhood families. The Board had expressed some concerns which we communicated to the City. There has been a push from the Harbordale Community Association for a neighborhood playground. We wanted to make sure custodians wouldn't find garbage or dog waste. We want to ensure the equipment isn't damaged with extra wear and tear. They are in the beginning phase of the process. We discussed expanding the playset using funds with Parks Bonds. In the future, they will ask stakeholders for their opinions. Be on the lookout for emails. We can have a meeting in the future. I don't foresee anything happening for quite a while.

Mrs. Bucolo: We are fortunate that one of our parents, Zoe Saunders, works for the district and is a great resource for us. The President of the Civic Association also came out. Stephanie S.: Have you talked to other principals that have had a similar deal in place. Mrs. Bucolo: I haven't because this just came up last week, but I will. Every site is different. I did bring up that there are no water fountains or restrooms. I also brought up that HSA paid for pieces of equipment to determine who would repair wear & tear. Gina R.: VSY is already in a partnership. They've had issues with pets. Jackie is planning to speak to their PTO. The city will make their decision, but we can weigh in. Zoe mentioned if we start the relationship and it's not going well, there is the opportunity for the City to sever the agreement. It could be a great partnership.

100 Point Club Party: Mrs. Bucolo: Kids are bringing in blankets and comfy clothes, and Mrs. Gordon is bringing in food. She will make it like they are watching a movie under the stars. She had to get creative. We have about 60 students participating.

Computers: District said we are to collect the computers. We will start with K this week. It's a big job with 400+ computers to account for. They are starting with kindergarten this week and then continuing up to 5th grade the first week of June. Students who are eLearning will not have to return theirs until June 10th. Mr. Biggs will check each computer to make sure it does not need to be repaired and will then search its serial number to determine if it needs to be returned to another school since many students obtained their computers at Sunrise Middle School or Fort Lauderdale High last summer. Teachers will keep a few computers in their classrooms for in school students to use to close out the year.

Gina ended the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and wished them all a great summer.

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Coordinators:

- Adopt-A-Class Coordinator – Kelly Dean
- Box Tops Coordinator –
- Bulletin Board Coordinator –
- Garden Club Coordinator – Maryann Cockerille
- Hospitality Coordinator – Kim Falcone
- Marquee Coordinator – Dawn Teetsel
- Meet the Masters Coordinator – Ulrica Hammond
- Merchandise Coordinator – Maria Chinda
- Newsletter & Social Media Coordinator – Stephanie Streicher
- Parent Social Coordinator – Marivi Bryant
- Room Parent Coordinator –

- SAC/SAF Representative – Stephanie Streicher
- Sandwich Board Coordinator –
- Volunteer Coordinator – Christina Currie
- Website Coordinator – Stephanie Streicher
- Yearbook Coordinator – Maria Chinda

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- Beautification Committee Chair – Tim Reynen
- Bingo Night Chairs – Jerry Ratigan
- Book Fair Chair – Cherie Aguinaga
- Change Challenge Chair – Robert and Cheryl Hinkson
- Holiday Shop Chair – Maryann Cockerille
- Spring Carnival – Jerry Ratigan
- Walk-A-Thon Chair – Kelly Sosnowski