RIDGE H.S.A. INC.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MEETING DATE: October 17, 2017 at 1:15pm

TEACHER’S LOUNGE

**BOARD MEMBERS**: Albano, Alvarado, Ardito, Beck, Bender, Beiersdorf, Bosch, Briganti, Brinkmann, Chudy, Coviello, Cox, Daffron, DeMeulder, Doerfel, Fiol, Flynn, Gaglioti, Geller, Ginn, Harrington, Harris, Holder, Hong, Hutchinson, Kahn, Karas, Katzman, Killeen, Kong, Langheim, Latimer, Linnington, McCarthy, Micale, Monte, Neumann, Nixon, Noel, O’Keefe, Patrawala, Perrin, Pilchik, Rosenberg, Rozenberg, Rubenstein, Rubine, Sharma, Sorabella, Stephens, Sturmfels, Sullivan, Tudda, Turner, Twilliger, Wallace, Williams, Zachariah

**PRESENT:** Hutchinson, Fiol, Albano, Briganti, Langheim, Twilliger, Kahn, Katzman, Daffron, Wallace, Micale

**ABSENT BUT VOTING:** Beiersdorf, Alvarado, Perrin, Williams, Rosenberg, Linnington, Holder, Zachariah, Rozenberg, Ginn, Harrington, Bender, Latimer, Harris, Pilchik, Nixon, Neumann, Cox, Bosch, Rubenstein, Patrawala

**Motion:**

1. **A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to approve the Minutes from the September 19, 2017 Ridge H.S.A. meeting.**
2. **A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to approve the Balance Sheet as of October 16, 2017 and the 2017/2018 Year-To-Date Profit & Loss Statement.**

**WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER** Maria Hutchinson

Maria Hutchinson, H.S.A. President, welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm.

**Principal’s Report** Jean Schoenlank

Respect of One Another

During the week of respect, Jean asked the children different questions about what is respect and how we show it to our peers, teachers, families, and friends. The children had the right answers, and these answers were celebrated during their ROC assembly last Friday.   
  
Jean gave the teachers some follow-up activities such as discussing what are the differences between us. The current thinking is that we are not all the same, and we want to recognize why we are all different.

The Book we are reading this month is *People* by Peter Spier which celebrates the diverse world highlighting how people are different physically and culturally.

Topic – Homework

Jean is sending out a letter about how the staff is lightening the homework load. The letter summarizes that as a school we have a responsibility not to add more homework because of all of the pressures that children face after school. We will continue to have reading homework every night and math homework in grades 1-5. For Grades 1-4, the children will continue practicing their math facts. If a parent would like more homework for their child, please refer to Jean’s letter for ideas.

Play Club –

Jean would like to initiate a play club where kids can play at the castle after school. It would be run by Deidre Tobin.

Community Wellbeing –

Topic: Life beyond your eating disorder, November 1st at George Washington Middle School at 7 pm

Other

The Circus activities are occurring next week thanks to the HSA.

**President’s Report** Maria Hutchinson

*Important Dates*

*October*

10/20 Ramapo Field Trip – 5th Grade

10/26 Special Program Services meeting 9 am

10/27 Circus Performance 6:30 pm – 4th Grade

10/31 Halloween Parade 1 pm

*November*

11/6-7 Restaurant Fundraiser at the Fireplace – 5th Grade

11/9 No School

11/10 No School

11/13 American Education Week

11/14-16 Book Fair

11/14 HSA Public Meeting 7:30 pm

11/15 Parent Visitation 9-11 am

11/16 1st Grade Colonial Craft Day 9-12 pm

*Update*

* If you would like to have your event on community pass, please let Maria know. Mrs. Andrea Petrone and Mrs. Peccorelli would like to add the Glee fee to community pass. The 5th grade activities fee was put onto community pass.
* Julianne Brennan and Brenda Bankos are in charge of the poster printer. If you would like to use it, please create a PDF file and send to Julianne or Brenda. Maria would like to buy a suitcase to hold the posters that are created.
* We are using Porchlight Productions for our drama show this year. The production will be Annie. If interested, there will be a brief meeting on November 2nd (grades 3-5).

**Vice President’s Report** Hillary Wallace

*Enrichment Update*

The following items were discussed:

* We are securing ‘Meet the Musicians’.
* Rebecca Rubenstein is working on securing a trip to Ellis Island.
* The Circus show will take place on 10/27. The circus staff will be bringing more than double the circus toy inventory they had last year since we ran out of toys to sell.

*Friends of Ridge (FOR) Campaign*

* Current Donations: $1970. Campaign mailers will go out the 2nd week of November.

*Other:*

Hillary created the group ‘Ridge Superheroes’ for the second-grade boys. This group is a running club that teaches the boys lessons about the power of words, being healthy, and choosing to be a good person. It started last week on October 9th.

**Secretary’s Report** Alyssa Fiol

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* Motion was approved by Caren Langheim and seconded by Mary Micale.

*Update*

Alyssa read the following thank you notes:

* Ridge Faculty thanking the HSA for the wonderful Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.
* Jean thanking the HSA for the lovely flowers.

**Treasurer’s Report** Tara Briganti

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* Motion was approved by Mary Micale and seconded by Hillary Wallace.

*Financial Statement Update*

* We netted over $400 on the Bingo bake sale. Results will come in soon for Bingo Ticket Sales.
* Directory sales were huge this year. Community pass was a big help to secure sales.
* We filed our tax return. In addition, we just sent in paperwork to refile our gaming license.
* We just received a check for school supplies.

**Planning and Development’s Report** Alina Albano

*Gift Card Fundraiser Update*

* We are going to sell 10-15 different types of gift cards for the holidays and end of year (shop with Scripps). We will get a percentage of the sales depending on the gift card. All gift cards must be preordered. Alina will roll this fundraiser out in the coming weeks.

*Directory Ad Sales Update*

* 14 vendors participated. We netted $2600 dollars through this activity.

**Volunteer Coordinator’s Report** Caren Langheim

*Update*

* We are looking for a second LEAP committee chairperson.
* We are looking for a Field Day chair.

**Other**

Kristin Daffron (Environmental Day)-

Kristin talked briefly about different options for Environmental Day. Some items discussed were NJ clean communities, hosting Tesla representatives to discuss green cars, and having a Wildlife conservation focus during our assembly for that day. Please send Kristin Daffron any ideas that you might have.

Mary Micale

Book Fair:

Mary discussed the needs for the upcoming book fair in November. We need people after school on Monday, November 13 from 3-5 and when we close the book fair on noon on Thursday, November 16 from 12-3.

Ridgewood Education Foundation:

Mary spoke about the upcoming Phone Campaign to raise money for upcoming projects. She briefly discussed the mission of the organization which is to raise private funds and give that money back to the school district in terms of grants. Some items that were funded by the Ridgewood Education Foundation in the past include the chrome book initiative, STEAM initiative, makerspace lab at the high school, 2 makerspace labs at the middle schools, new science curricula K-12, brand new recording studio at high school, and funds to modernize labs at middle schools. She encouraged all to support this fundraiser.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Fiol

Ridge H.S.A. Secretary

**NEXT HSA MEETING is Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7:30pm in the Teacher’s Lounge.**