

RIDGE H.S.A. INC.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MEETING DATE: January 10, 2017 at 1:15pm
TEACHER'S LOUNGE

BOARD MEMBERS: Alvarado, Beiersdorf, Boucher, Briganti, Carr, Chudy, Colm, Coviello, Daffron, DiBenedetto, Dolich, Dowling, Fiol, Flynn, Gaglioti, Ginn, Gudmann, Harrington, Harris, Haskins, Holder, Hong, Hutchinson, Kahn J., Kahn A., Katzman, Killeen, Kim, Kong, Kuenzler, Langheim, Latimer, Linnington, McCarthy, Micale, Moelk, Monte, Neumann, Nixon, O'Keefe, Perrin, Plumley, Reilly, Rosenberg, Rubenstein, Sachs, Sharma, Sorabella, Spinello, Springer, Stephens, Stoehr, Teller, Tudda, Wallace, Zachariah

PRESENT: Zachariah, Fiol, Briganti, Boucher, Hutchinson, Perrin, Nixon

ABSENT BUT VOTING: Chudy, Beiersdorf, Spinello, Linnington, Latimer, Neumann, Katzman, Flynn, Coviello, Holder, Carr, Teller, Kong, Ginn, Sharma, Harris, Sachs, Micale, Rubenstein, Langheim, Colm, Alvarado, Langheim, Spinello, Wallace, Haskins, Hong, Plumley

Motion:

- 1. A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to approve the Minutes from the November 15, 2016 Ridge H.S.A. meeting.**

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Heather Zachariah

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

Principal's Report

Jean Schoenlank

Academic Enrichment Activities

Jean presented all the academic enrichment offerings that we have at Ridge for the children in grades 2-5.

1. Spelling and Geography Bees (grades 4-5)

Recently, Ridge hosted Spelling and Geography Bees for our fourth and fifth grade students.

For the Geography Bee, which is geared for grades 4-8 nationally, 55 children took the qualifying test and 13 of them qualified (4 of them fourth graders). The winner of the Geography Bee was Liam Rooney, a fifth grader. Next, he will go on to take an online geography test to see if he qualifies for the NJ State Geography Bee.

The Spelling Bee started with 75 children, and the winner was Nathan Kotchin, a two-time winning fifth grader. Next, he will participate in the Regional Spelling Bee.

2. *Continental Math League (grades 2-5)*

This is a math enrichment league with challenging word problems that are scored. Ridge submits all scores to the Continental Math League, and the top performers get recognized with awards at the end of the year. This enrichment activity is open to all children in grades 2-5.

3. *Perennial Math (grades 3-5)*

This activity has math problems similar to the Continental Math League but is only open to children in grades 3, 4, and 5.

4. *New Jersey Math Contest (grades 4-5)*

In the Spring, we will host the Math Contest which will consist of 30 multiple choice math questions. The winner will receive a book of math problems.

5. *Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl (grade 5)*

Headed up by Mrs. Mitchell, The Quiz Bowl is a general knowledge activity where you work in teams. In the Bowl, the fifth graders get rewarded for how quickly they can answer the questions correctly.

6. *Writing Enrichment Activity*

Jean is currently searching for a writing enrichment activity for the fifth graders.

Overall, a lot of the enrichment activities skew towards the upper grades because the older children have the maturity to participate in them.

Read Aloud Book

This month, the book we are reading is “Have you Filled a Bucket Today?” authored by Carol McCloud.

The overall premise of the book is that if we treat a person kindly, we fill his/her bucket rather than by doing something mean which takes away from his/her bucket.

Lunchtime Stars

Lunchtime Stars will be debuted in the upcoming ROC assembly on Friday. Jean will ask the lunch aides to look out for children who do something nice, kind, or helpful. For those children that are recognized, Jean will hang up a star with their name on it in the cafeteria. We had this program a few years ago, and Jean found it to be effective the last time she implemented it.

Reading Marathon

Reading Marathon Month occurs during the month of February. This marathon is a fundraiser for the Ridgewood Public Library.

Ridge would like 100% participation from all families.

One School/ One Book

In February, our school will be participating in One School/ One Book where all the children will read the same book. This year we are reading the book Cheese, authored by Sarah Weeks. This book is a quirky and funny story about Oggie Cooder and his unique talent. We are kicking off this program on the 30th of January and ending on March 6th.

We will have a schoolwide video conference with the author.

Open Circle Training

Jean is attending Open Circle training which has been revamped to include mindfulness in its curriculum.

President's Report

Heather Zachariah

Important Dates

January

- 01/10 Lunchtime LEAP Begins
Wellbeing Series: "Minding Your Mind. Just Talk About It: Suicide Prevention."
GW Middle School, 7 pm
- 01/16 Martin Luther King's Day, School Closed
- 01/27 Instrumental Concert, 8:30am and 1:30pm
Ridgewood Teachers & Staff vs. The Wizards, RHS, 7 pm
- 02/01 Wellbeing Series, "The Gift of Failure"
- 02/03 Bagel Breakfast
- 02/06 Last Week of Leap
- 02/07 Kindergarten Registration
- 02/09 Kindergarten Registration
- 02/14 HSA Meeting, Teacher's Lounge, 1:15 pm *

* Next HSA Meeting, Sheila Brogan will be attending to discuss Super Science Saturday.

Calling All Ridgie Want-To-Be's for Wizards game.

Heather is currently looking for someone to represent our school and to wear the Ridgie costume for the Wizards Game. She put a notification in the weekly Enews to try to gather interest.

Application Form for Use of School Facilities.

If any group wants to use Ridge after school hours, there is a permit that they have to fill out. The form can be found online on the district website <http://www.ridgewood.k12.nj.us/> under the menu items, 'Our District', 'Business Office', 'Application for Use of School Facilities'. Our volunteer coordinator, Caren Langheim will make sure that the forms are filled out.

In Search of Girls on the Run Coach.

The group needs a coach for this Spring, no running experience necessary. Heather placed a notice in the weekly Enews email.

Planning Stages for a Schoolwide Mural Project.

We are currently planning to have a Brazilian artist who will work with the children in school to create a mural for our cafeteria. Each child will participate in the project. Part of funding will come from the HSA and the other part will be paid by fundraising done by Ms. Stewart, the art teacher.

Upcoming Events

- Backyard Players Information Session, February 28, grades 3-5
- Science Fair, March 3
- Lip Sync, March 10
- Movie Night Fundraiser, June 9

Vice President's Report

Maria Hutchinson

Enrichment Update

- The author Corey Rosen Schwartz will be coming to visit grades K-2.
- Joe Lennox is scheduled for the third graders this month.

Friends of Ridge Campaign

We are at 16 percent campaign participation.

Secretary's Report

Alyssa Fiol

Motion - A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to approve the Minutes from the November 15, 2016 Ridge H.S.A. meeting.

- Motion was approved by Liz Nixon and seconded by Maria Hutchinson.

The secretary read thank you notes from Jean Schoenlank, Colleen Manke, Brenda Bankos, and Peggy Quinlan thanking the HSA for the holiday gift cards.

Treasurer's Report

Maureen Kuenzler

Financial Statement Update

Maureen was absent; however, she will be presenting the financials at the February Meeting.

Planning and Development's Report

Jen Boucher

Retail Sales Fundraisers Update

- Pizza Fusion is closing. Jean suggested ParkWood Deli as a source of fundraising.
- Five Below raised \$47.70 for the month of December.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

Caren Langheim

Update

Caren was absent; however, she will be presenting her update at the February Meeting.

Other

Liz Nixon

She is currently heading up the nominating committee for next year. Every year, the committee secures the positions of Planning and Development, Volunteer Coordinator, Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer. If anyone has any recommendations, please forward them to Liz Nixon. She will be meeting with the nominating committee on Friday, January 13.

Caroline Perrin from TIC TOC

On March 12, TIC TOC will present a Midsummer Night's Dream held at George Washington Middle School at 4 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Fiol

Ridge H.S.A. Secretary

NEXT HSA MEETING is Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 1:15pm in the Teacher's Lounge.