

RIDGE H.S.A. INC.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MEETING DATE: February 14, 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, Perrin, Nixon, Langheim, Kuenzler

ABSENT BUT VOTING: Beiersdorf, Spinello, Linnington, Neumann, Katzman, Coviello, Holder, Carr, Kong, Ginn, Harris, Micale, Springer, Wallace, Hong, Plumley, Stoehr, Sorabella, Harrington, Monte, Hutchinson

Motion:

1. A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to approve the Minutes from the January 10, 2017 Ridge H.S.A. meeting.
2. A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to approve the Balance Sheet as of February 14, 2017, and the 2016/2017 Year-To-Date Profit & Loss Statement.
3. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by those present to gift \$4000 to Ms. Stewart for the purpose of a schoolwide Art Mural Project.

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Heather Zachariah

Heather Zachariah, H.S.A. President, welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 1:19 pm.

Guest Speaker

Sheila Brogan

Sheila Brogan conducted a presentation in the meeting regarding Super Science Saturday. Listed below is a recap of the presentation:

Super Science Saturday will be held on March 4th from 9-1:30 at Ridgewood High School. Some highlights of this day include student science projects, an egg drop contest, rocket launch, science circus show, 40 adult presenters, and RHS alumni who work in science fields.

Students in elementary and middle school should register and bring in their science projects. If any children are struggling with science project ideas, they can log onto

www.supersciencesaturday.com where there are useful links for the children to use to come up with ideas.

The Sponsors for the day are the Valley Hospital Foundation and the Ridgewood Education Foundation. The program is celebrating its 29th year this year.

Principal's Report

Jean Schoenlank

Inclusive Environment at Ridge

We are continuing to work on being a kind and inclusive environment of all at Ridge. Jean presented an informative article, "How to Teach Your Child to Be an Includer". The article discusses several prosocial skills (empathy, listening, reaching out, etc.) that we can teach our children so they can develop into kind individuals. By being kind, they learn to include others.

Jean wants all parents to encourage their child to be an includer rather than an excluder. There are specific strategies that parents can do. She is sending out a letter about the annual Lip Sync Show and how parents can encourage their children to be includers for this fun event. There are always some children who are left out of a lip sync group so it can be kind to include them.

This month we are reading *Cheese: Oggie Cooder*. Oggie is quite an unusual boy who is teased but he doesn't know what the other kids are saying about him. In addition, our Book of the Month is *Nerdy Birdy*; Birdy is similar to Oggie in that he is not cool. Jean hopes that these characters show our children that it is fine to be different and to be themselves.

President's Report

Heather Zachariah

Important Dates

February

2/15 Kindergarten Registration, 3:30-4:30

2/17-26 Winter Break

2/28 Backyard Players Introductory Workshop & Registration (will announce performance for that day)

March

3/3 Science Fair

3/4 Super Science Saturday

3/10 Lip Sync

3/14 Wellbeing Series, Life Beyond an Eating Disorder, 7pm at GW

3/16 Glee Performance, 7pm

April

4/6 Backyard Players Performance

4/7 Arts Day

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- Motion was approved by Liz Nixon and seconded by Caren Langheim.

Update

One more sound system will be replaced in one of the classrooms.

Fundraiser

We will be hosting a Cinco De Mayo Party at Leon's on May 5th. The money raised by this fundraiser will be given to the four specials, Art, Music, Library, and Gym. We will put together an invitation after the break.

Vice President's Report

Maria Hutchinson

Maria was absent; however Heather Z. gave a brief update for her.

Enrichment Update

- The One School/One Book *Cheese* was covered by the Friends of Ridge budget.
- This month, Joe Lennox came to talk to the third graders about space.

Friends of Ridge Campaign

We are at 18 percent campaign participation. We hope that we can get better participation in the upcoming months.

Secretary's Report

Alyssa Fiol

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- Motion was approved by Caren Langheim and seconded by Tara Briganti.

Treasurer's Report

Maureen Kuenzler

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- Motion was approved by Allison DeMeulder and seconded by Jen Boucher.

Financial Statement Update

- Friends of Ridge – Current donations are \$9300 with several outstanding checks.

- We received a generous donation of \$1000 for the Bill Ward Fund.
- We made \$3000 for the Book Fair. This surpassed our expectations. We will make our budget number with this event.
- For our Author Visit Book Sales, we have a net revenue of \$750 (Chris Grabenstein and Corey Schwartz).

Planning and Development's Report

Jen Boucher

Retail Sales Fundraisers Update

- Five Below Fundraiser will occur on April 3-7th just in time for Easter.
- Stop N Shop Program - We had a huge increase in enrollment recently; 61 Families currently enrolled.
- Parkwood Deli- Agreed to sign up with 30 families' minimum per event. Parkwood offers a 'no cook dinner' for four. We will have the fundraiser on Mondays.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

Caren Langheim

Update

- Upcoming HSA events include Bake Sales and the Ridge Science Fair (Looking for Volunteers)
- Caren will also be sending out a letter asking current committee chairs if they would like to continue next year.

Other

Liz Nixon

Liz announced the upcoming Board for year 2017-2018:

President: Maria Hutchinson

VP: Hillary Wallace

Treasurer: Tara Briganti

Assistant Treasurer: Amy Kahn

Secretary: Alyssa Fiol

Volunteer Coordinator: Caren Langheim

Planning and Development: Alina Albano

Caroline Perrin from TIC TOC

- Midsummer Night's Dream will occur on March 12th at 4 pm at George Washington Middle School.
- Poetry Month will be occurring in March. TIC TOC tries to reach every single class and have the children work on a project such as taking a piece of art and have them write a poem about it. Caroline will meet next week to determine what the project will be.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Fiol

Ridge H.S.A. Secretary

NEXT HSA MEETING is Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 1:15pm in the Teacher's Lounge.