

RIDGE H.S.A. INC.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 8, 2022 at 2:00pm
RIDGE PATIO MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS: Albano, Barry, Bender, Bernard, Beser, Briganti, Bruce-Lockhart, Coffina, Crosly, Daffron, Das, DeAngelis, Goldberg, Harris, Hix, Hoag, Holder, Howell, Kafes, Kelly, Kerwin, Koehler, Kong, Kupiec, Long, McGirr, Minetti, Mittal, Murphy, Nadeau, Nair, Oros, Oros, Pourezza, Ramos, Reilly, Salmon-Herrmann, Schirripa, Seguin, Steketee, Vermylen, Wall, Weber, Wesner, Whitehead, Williams, Wilson, Woods

PRESENT: Beser, Day, DeAngelis, Long, Nadeau, Ramos, Reilly, Whitehead, Wilson

VIA GOOGLE MEET: Daffron, Kupiec, *Tobaccowala*, Woods

ABSENT BUT VOTING: Albano, Bender, Briganti, Bruce-Lockhart, Coffina, Goldberg, Harris, Hix, Howell, Kelly, Koehler, Kong, Minetti, Mittal, Nair, Schirripa, Vermylen, Wall, Wesner, Williams

MOTIONS:

1. *A motion was made, seconded, and approved by those present to approve the Minutes from the February 8, 2022 Ridge HSA meeting.*
2. *A motion was made, seconded, and approved by those present to approve the nominations for the 2022-2023 HSA Executive Board.*
3. *A motion was made, seconded, and approved by those present to approve the March 2022 Financials.*
4. *A motion was made, seconded, and approved by those present to approve the reallocation of expenses from classroom grants to DEI.*

Welcome & Call to Order

Jean Whitehead

Jean Whitehead, HSA President, called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by those present to approve the Minutes from the February 8, 2022 Ridge HSA meeting.

Principal's Report

Michael Piacenza

- A. Science Fair** – Outstanding event that was fun and exciting. Everyone wore masks and felt like a safe event. The projects were spread out and displayed in the hallways instead of years' past where they were displayed in the cafeteria. Unprecedented participation from the students. Prizes were being distributed this week. J Whitehead added that the bake sale and raffle were also successful.
- B. LipSync** – scheduled for April 1st. Will be held at GW Middle School. Will allow for a larger stage and seating in the auditorium.
- C. Patcasso** – Came to visit the school on Valentine's Day and provided grade level presentations (K-1, 2-3, 4-5). Presentations were centered around music and art. Painted portraits of MLK upside down. Could not make out the portraits at first, but when turned over were wonderful images of Dr. Martin Luther King. The images will be hung in the school. Lots of fun, including a dance party. Feedback was very positive.
- D. Wizards Game** - scheduled for March 30th and 31st. M Piacenza will be participating both nights. Glitch with ordering was identified and reconciled quickly. Tickets sold out within 45 minutes.
- E. Teacher Grants** – M Piacenza reported having a staff meeting earlier where teachers expressed great appreciation for the grants that allowed them to purchase whatever they needed for their classrooms. Purchases include books, electronics, rugs, etc. The teachers are very grateful for these much needed supplies for their classrooms.
- F. LEAP** – starting next week. Everyone is excited to bring back some of the activities that were paused over the last few years. M Piacenza expressed feels like a fresh start for all.

President's Report

Jean Whitehead

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- **President:** Bernadette Reilly

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- **Vice President:** Tanya Parikh Ramos
 - **Treasurer:** Megan Woods
 - **Asst Treasurer:** Natalia Tobaccowala
 - **Planning & Development:** Jeannie Koehler
 - **Volunteer Coordinator:** Meaghan Nadeau
 - **Secretary:** Sue Day
- A. **Yankees Game** – Sales continue. Potential baseball strike was discussed. Hopeful that negotiations will be complete before the scheduled event (4/23). Possibility the game could be postponed. Will follow up with details as we approach the event if there is still no resolution.
- B. **Ridge Block Party** – Scheduled for May 13th. Will be a good time w/ food trucks, activities, etc.
- C. **Drive-In Movie Night** – Scheduled for April 29th. The Leadership Council has selected the movie Encanto. All are looking forward to the event.
- D. **Month of Service:** Opportunity for students to participate in grade level service projects.
- a. **Kindergarten** – Postcards for Valley Hospital patients
 - b. **First Grade** – Goodie Bags for Oasis
 - c. **Second Grade** - Ridgecrest Greeting Cards
 - d. **Third Grade** – Garden Stones
 - e. **Fourth Grade** – Trash pickup around Ridge School
 - f. **Fifth Grade** – Table Settings for NJ Veterans Home of Paramus
- E. **Beautification Project** – Will be complete in May. Ribbon cutting for reading library/corner and dedication for Dr. Schoenlank on May 11th.
- F. **Parent Social** – Likely have another parent social in June at the Goldberg residence.

Important Dates

- **March**
 - 3/1 Executive Board Meeting @1:30pm
 - 3/3 Science Fair @6pm
 - 3/4 Science Fair (daytime event)
 - 3/5 Super Science Saturday
 - 3/8 HSA Public Meeting @2pm
 - 3/11 5th Grade Vocal & Instrumental Concert
 - 3/14 LEAP Begins
 - 3/14-3/16 Learning the Ropes 3/18 Teacher Appreciation Lunch
 - 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade Concert
 - 3/30-3/31 Wizards Games
- **April**
 - 4/1 Lip Sync @7pm
 - 4/7 LEAP Ends
 - 4/8 Environmental Day
 - 4/11-4/15 April Break – NO SCHOOL
 - 4/20 Administrative Professional Day
 - 4/23 Yankees Game
 - 4/29 Drive-In Movie Night @8pm

Vice President's Report

Bernadette Reilly

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- A. Friends of Ridge – B Reilly reported FOR has raised over \$7,600. Goal is \$14,000 to cover enrichment expenses, so more than halfway there. Will pick the fundraising efforts by circulating information on enrichment activities that have taken place and upcoming activities scheduled for the remainder of the year.
- B. Upcoming Activities:
 - a. Author Visit – Dan Santat
 - b. Learn the Ropes – Next Week for 3 days
- C. Planning underway for the following:
 - a. Kindergarten – Yoga
 - b. 1st Grade - Pond Dabbler and Yearning to Learn Presentation
 - c. 2nd and 3rd Grade TBD
 - d. 4th Grade – Environmental Center
 - e. 5th Grade – Fort Lee

Treasurer’s Report

Lauren Kupiec

- A. L Kupiec discussed moving expenses allocated for teacher’s grants to DEI, since the teacher’s grants were covered by TAP fundraising. Seeking approval to reallocate \$1,000 from teacher’s grants to DEI.
- B. Reported out Balance Sheet as of 3-2022:
 - a. DEI - \$261.37
 - b. Bill Ward Fund- \$14,967.84
 - c. Savings- \$35,547.30
 - d. Operating Account- \$92,353.41
 - e. TD account for Legalized Games of Chance- \$1
 - f. Total- \$143,130.92

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by those present to reallocate \$1,000 from teacher’s grants to DEI.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by those present to approve the March 2022 Financials.

Planning & Development’s Report

Jen DeAngelis

- A. J DeAngelis reported the following:
 - a. successful Valentine’s Day and Bingo Night Fundraisers. Looking to do another No Cook event before Spring Break.
 - b. Accepting donations for the Ridge Block Party. Unopened toys/Lego sets for raffle. Can also donate a basket to raffle off at the event.

Volunteer Coordinator’s Report

Meaghan Nadeau

- A. M Nadeau drew Amanda Nistor’s name for the umbrella raffle for the Red Zone Volunteers. Will reach out to Amanda to claim her umbrella.

Secretary’s Report

Sara Wilson

No Updates

Additional Updates

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Wilson
Ridge HSA Secretary

NEXT HSA MEETING is Tuesday, May 10th at 2:00pm.