

RIDGE H.S.A. INC.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MEETING DATE: January 16, 2018 at 1:15 pm
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, Rottinger, Rozenberg, Rubenstein, Rubine, Sharma, Sorabella, Stephens, Sturfels, Sullivan, Tudda, Turner, Twilliger, Wallace, Williams, Zachariah

PRESENT: Hutchinson, Fiol, Albano, Briganti, Langheim, Wallace, Kahn, Kong, Perrin

ABSENT BUT VOTING: Twilliger, Beiersdorf, Alvarado, Katzman, Flynn, Linnington, Holder, Zachariah, Rozenberg, Ginn, Harrington, Bender, Harris, Rubenstein, Patrawala, Chudy, Coviello, Hong, Daffron, Stephens, Micale, Neumann

Motion:

1. A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to approve the Minutes from the November 14, 2017 Ridge H.S.A. meeting.
2. A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to approve the Balance Sheet as of January 15, 2018 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 1:18 pm.

Welcome Ridge Student Leadership

Maria Hutchinson

Five students from Ridge Student Leadership came to the meeting to present a status update of their current activities. The group notified the board that they are hosting a Student Safety Patrol lunch on January 28th to thank the Safety Patrol who are working to keep our children safe in the morning. In addition, they would like to host a hot chocolate snack for the Safety Patrol on the morning of February 15th but this event has yet to be confirmed.

Principal's Report

Dr. Jean Schoenlank

Science Fair and Lip Sync Night

Two events, Science Fair and Lip Sync Night are coming up in the next month and a half. In a few weeks from now, Jean will be sending out a letter to appeal to parents and children to use these events as an opportunity to include others when setting up groups. Last year, Lip Sync Night was a success because we did have many children including each other in their respective groups.

Mix-it-up Monday

We had our first Mix-it up Monday last week during lunch. The idea behind this program is that we mix up the children in the cafeteria so that they get to know new children. We will hold this event once a month.

From Striving to Thriving and One School One Book, *The Year of the Dog*

Next Monday, Annie Ward, one of authors of *From Striving to Thriving: How to Grow Confident, Capable Readers* will be talking about her book in the next Faculty meeting. Her book is a must have for teachers who are striving to make every reader a thriving one.

We picked our One School One Book title, *The Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin. This book is an autobiographical story of growing up in a Chinese household. Mrs. Eng has great ideas to celebrate this book and will work with parents for special activities. We will have a kickoff celebration on January 31st, and the assembly will be held on March 2nd. Grace Lin will come in for an author visit on March 13th for grades 2-5.

Play Club

Since we only had a handful of signups, the club did not take off. Caroline Perrin suggested promoting the club to the children to get them excited about it. We will advertise through the children and notify the parents when it will start.

President's Report

Maria Hutchinson

Important Dates

January

1/24 Wellbeing Series, 'Tackling Childhood Stress: How to Raise Happy Kids in a Stressful World', GW at 7 pm

1/26 Instrumental Concert (5th Grade) 8:30 am

1/26 Wizards Game 7-8 pm

February

2/2 Bagel Breakfast

2/6 Kindergarten Registration 3:30–4:30 pm

2/8 Kindergarten Registration 3:30–4:30 pm

2/10 Drama Club Performance 3 pm – Annie

2/13 HSA Meeting 1:15 pm

- 2/14 4th Grade Health Fair 9 am–12 pm
- 2/16, 19-20 School Closed – Winter Recess
- 2/23 Family Movie Night 7 pm
- 2/28 Wellbeing Series, ‘Developing Grit, Self-Control, and a Positive Mindset: The Keys to Success’, GW at 7 pm

Update

- Fundraising Idea

For our fundraising project this year, we will be hosting a Carnival Day on Saturday, June 2nd. Maria H. is currently looking into food trucks and games. The board is still working on the details so please stay tuned. We discussed some possibilities in the case that it should rain on that day.

- Wizards Tickets

Maria mentioned that a lot of families had trouble on the website to buy the Wizard Tickets. Some families were not happy because tickets were sold out in four minutes. We will make a few changes for next year. We will not have a Wizards Representative come to the school next year since we do not need to market this District-wide fundraiser.

- Winter Social

This year’s social, a Mardi Gras Party will occur on March 2nd at 7 pm. Parents can buy their tickets on Community Pass. Invitations will go out in the children’s backpacks.

Vice President’s Report

Hilary Wallace

Enrichment Update

Upcoming enrichment activities include the following:

- Author visit, Alyssa Capucilli, K-2, Feb 6th
- Author visit, Grace Lin, 2nd-5th grade, March 13th
- Joe Lennox Space Program, 3rd Grade, March 28th
- Ellis Island trip, 4th Grade, June 1st
- 5th grade encampment, May 24 and 25th

****3rd grade looking for an engineer to host a program****

Friends of Ridge (FOR) Campaign

We are currently at \$10,830 in donations. We are trying to raise between \$17,000 and \$18,000.

Secretary’s Report

Alyssa Fiol

Motion - A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to approve the Minutes from the November 14, 2017 Ridge H.S.A. meeting.

- Motion was approved by Caren Langheim and seconded by Amy Kahn.

Update

Alyssa read the following thank you notes:

- Dr. Jean Scholenlank thanked the HSA for the generous Holiday Gift.
- Peggy Quinlan thanked the HSA for the generous Holiday Gift.
- Brenda Bankos thanked the HSA for the generous Holiday Gift.
- Giovanni Pilisio, Ridge Crossing Guard thanked the HSA for the generous Holiday Gift.

Treasurer's Report

Tara Briganti

A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to approve the Balance Sheet as of January 15, 2018, and the 2017/2018 Year-to-date Profit & Loss Statement.

- Motion was approved by Hilary Wallace and seconded by Caren Langheim.

Financial Statement Update

- We have netted \$2,985 for our Book fairs to-date.
- We have netted \$868 for our Retail events to-date
- Regarding Community pass, we budgeted \$1,500 for the year and we have spent \$916.
- We went over budget by \$38 for our accounting/ business fees.
- We sent in our TICTOC donation in the amount of \$300.
- We no longer post our financials on our website.

Planning and Development's Report

Alina Albano

Gift Card Fundraiser Update

- We had about 35 orders placed for our Gift Card Fundraiser. We sold close to \$5500 worth of gift cards; we netted \$445. Alina did mention that we made the same amount of money through Amazon Smile and to please keep selecting Ridge when ordering through Amazon Smile.
- We will put a reminder of the Amazon Smile Program back into the weekly Enews email.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

Caren Langheim

Update

- LEAP is underway and going well. Kerri Pilchik is the coordinator of this program.
- Update for this year's Environmental day:
Kristin Daffron and team have been meeting to come up with a schedule for the day's activities. Currently, they have booked a wildlife theater group, forest fire prevention, NJ Clean Communities, and NJ Watershed. One of the coordinators will come to our next HSA meeting.

Other

Caroline Perrin

TICTOC is being honored by Ridgewood Arts Foundation at Park West Tavern on 1/28. Tickets are being sold for \$80 per person.

There is currently a TICTOC School-wide Blackout poetry project. They will tie this project into the One School One Book program. The project will start in the beginning of February and be on display in the beginning of April.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Fiol

Ridge H.S.A. Secretary

NEXT HSA MEETING is Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 1:15 pm in the Teacher's Lounge.