

RIDGE H.S.A. INC.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MEETING DATE: February 13, 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, Sturmfels, Sullivan, Tudda, Turner, Twilliger, Wallace, Williams, Zachariah

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

ABSENT BUT VOTING: Alvarado, Katzman, Flynn, Linnington, Holder, Zachariah, Rozenberg, Ginn, Bender, Harris, Rubenstein, Chudy, Coviello, Daffron, Micale, Neumann, Latimer, Pilchik, Nixon, Doerfel, Briganti, Brinkman

Motion:

1. **A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to approve the Minutes from the January 16, 2018 Ridge H.S.A. meeting.**
2. **A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to approve the Balance Sheet as of February 12, 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 1:19 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 celebrating its 30th anniversary this year and will be held on March 3rd from 9 am to 1:30 pm. Beginning at 9:30 am, there will be a science show that will demonstrate concepts related to helmet safety and Newton's Law. In addition, we will be having our usual events such as airplane contest, rocket launch at 1:30 pm, dropping eggs from 30 feet, 39 adult presenters, Ridgewood High School Makerspace (Open Nights), 4H Club and Petting

Zoo, and police and fire exhibitions. In addition, Bergen Community College will be doing some programs for the children.

New this year, there will be a challenge out to community to determine what their home or appliances will look like and be in 2048 (30 years from now). All families can give a written explanation of what their home might look like. Children are encouraged to model it either via diorama, build it out of cardboard, or draw it.

Sheila encouraged everyone to come to this fun event. All children should bring their science fair project in for the day, however they must register in advance. Children can bring their projects to RHS on Friday, March 2nd from 5:30 to 7 pm or Saturday, March 3rd beginning at 8:30 am.

Principal's Report

Dr. Jean Schoenlank

Bill Ward Fund

Started by a group of parents 20 years ago in honor of former Principal Bill Ward, this fund was developed to assist any Ridge students with financial needs. Some activities that the fund has supported includes Summer Adventure, field trips, book fair, other camps, and instrument rental.

Process includes the following:

1. Request comes to Jean either through the family or through a teacher.
2. Jean writes up request anonymously and then it goes to the committee for approval. Currently, the committee members include Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Higgins, Heather Zachariah, and Jean.

Jean will include the information about the Fund in the February Ridge Report. We are currently seeking donations. Amy Kahn will confirm that we make the donation check out to the Bill Ward Fund.

Growth Mindset

Jean and the teachers are working to create a growth mindset mentality at Ridge. Growth mindset describes underlining beliefs that the brain is a muscle and that we can become better at different subjects in school by working on it. Likewise, the way we praise our children can have a profound impact on their mindset. It requires a lot of thought about the words we choose such as praising more about the process and effort and not praising their innate qualities or talents.

Book of the Month

The current Book of the Month is *I'm here* authored by Peter Reynolds. This story is told from a child's point of view and gives a window into children who might feel isolated or shy. On a typical day at the playground, all the children except one are in a group. The child apart tells the story about looking from the outside in. This book will also help us to appreciate kids who are on the autism spectrum.

Jean will be going to every class, showing them a video, reading them the book and having discussions about it.

In addition, Jean is meeting with 3rd, 4th, 5th grade boys and girls separately to talk about how they interact with each other. There is a lot for Jean to learn and to help the kids to learn to be more mindful of each other.

President's Report

Maria Hutchinson

Important Dates

February

- 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

March

- 3/2 Science Fair
- 3/3 Super Science Saturday at RHS
- 3/9 Lip Sync Show 7 pm
- 3/13 HSA meeting 7:30 pm

Update

- Movie Night – Monsters Inc.

We will sell popcorn and candy. Parents must stay for the movie with their children. Movie starts at 7 pm and is a 90 min film.

- HSA Parking Sign

Ground is frozen so we will get the sign installed as soon as the ground thaws out.

- 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.

- Carnival Fundraiser

Date is Sat June 2nd. We will be having a 50-foot rock wall, dunk-tank, carnival games, raffle baskets, and food trucks selling food from 12-5 pm. Please mark your calendars.

Vice President's Report

Hilary Wallace

Enrichment Update

Upcoming enrichment activities include the following:

- Yearning to Learn- 1st Graders
- Jonathan Sprout, American Heroes Performance for 2nd graders
- Author Visit- Grace Lin, March 13th (grades 2-5)
- Tanglewood Marionettes – entire school
- Joe Lennox Space Program, 3rd Grade, March 28th
- Outrageous Pets- 3rd Grade
- Ellis Island, 4th Grade, June 1st

5th grade encampment, May 24 and 25

Friends of Ridge (FOR) Campaign

We are currently at \$12,670 in donations. We are trying to raise approximately \$17,500.

Science Fair

If any parents can help out with the interactive project tables, please contact Hilary Wallace.

Secretary's Report

Alyssa Fiol

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- Motion was approved by Caren Langheim and seconded by Alina Albano.

Update

Alyssa read the following thank you note:

- The children who participated in Annie thanked the HSA for the wonderful drama program.

Treasurer's Report

Amy Kahn- Speaking on behalf of
Tara Briganti

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- Motion was approved by Hilary Wallace and seconded by Alyssa Fiol.

Financial Statement Update

- Please hand in your LEAP receipts by end of the month.
- We made a donation of \$250 to Ridgewood Jamboree.
- Teachers were notified of their Classroom Grants.

Planning and Development's Report

Alina Albano

Update

- Please remember to use Amazon Smile Program and select Ridge School when ordering from Amazon.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

Caren Langheim

Update

- LEAP program has finished. If you have any feedback, please pass it on to Caren.
- Reading Marathon is currently underway.
- Hand in your Box Tops. Collection is this coming Thursday.
- School Supplies -We will be going with same vendor but thinking about changing the vendor in the future. We are going to order our supplies earlier this year.

Other

Environmental Day

Kristin Daffron and her team of 15 parents have 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. Kristin will try to include the Beekeeper on the schedule. As a memento from the day, each child will receive a mint pencil that they can eventually plant. The HSA will provide bagels and coffee for adults involved on that day.

TICTOC (Caroline Perrin)

- Upcoming TICTOC event is the Blackout Poetry in March
- Would like to host a poetry slam this Spring but it has yet to be scheduled.

Drama Club-

Caroline Perrin suggested that it would be helpful for the kids to have their own individual microphones to use during a drama performance. She noted that it was difficult to hear the children during the Annie performance.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Fiol

Ridge H.S.A. Secretary

NEXT HSA MEETING is Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Teacher's Lounge.