

RIDGE H.S.A. INC.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MEETING DATE: March 13, 2018 at 7:30 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, Langheim, Wallace, Kahn, Perrin, Twilliger, Bender, Briganti

**ABSENT BUT VOTING:** Alvarado, Katzman, Flynn, Linnington, Holder, Zachariah, Rozenberg, Ginn, Rubenstein, Chudy, Coviello, Micale, Neumann, Latimer, Pilchik, Nixon, Beirsdorf, Kong, Williams, Harrington, Sharma, Hong, Patrawala

**Motion:**

1. **A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to approve the Minutes from the February 13, 2018 Ridge H.S.A. meeting.**
2. **A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to approve the Balance Sheet as of March 13, 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 7:30 pm.

**Principal's Report**

Dr. Jean Schoenlank

National School Walkout – March 14

Elementary Schools:

The elementary aged children will not be participating in the walkout. Instead, Elementary Teachers will read the book *I'm here* to their classrooms. *I'm here* gives our students a perspective on what it is like to be on the outside looking in. Jean has sent all the teachers a lesson plan regarding this activity. Since our school has read the book *I'm here*, Ridge teachers will work with our students on the activity of "How can we find things in common with each other?".

Middle Schools:

During homeroom, Middle School students will have the option to write a letter to their state legislature about how they feel during lockdowns, or they can write to Parkland survivors.

High School:

The high school has two groups who have organized activities for tomorrow. One group has organized a walkout to leave around 9:45 am. They plan to be outside for 17 minutes in honor of the 17 victims. Another group will talk about gun rights and will meet in the campus center.

### PARCC

Governor Murphy has signed a bill to eliminate the PARCC test, but this will not go into effect this year.

Our students will take the PARCC test from April 30-May 4<sup>th</sup>. The ELA portion of the test will be on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in the mornings. The math portion will be on Thursday and Friday in the mornings. We will do some test preparation before the actual tests.

### PURPOSEFUL PLAY

Jean discussed the concept of “Purposeful Play” and how each act of play has a purpose and value to a child. If we think about play as being meaningful for the intellectual and social development of children, we look at play differently. As a school community, we embrace the idea that play is important for social and intellectual benefits. Because we now have full day Kindergarten, we have been able to build more ‘play’ time into the day for our youngest students.

Jean and two other principals will talk about purposeful play in the local preschools. Jean is an advocate for play based preschool for 3 and 4 yr olds.

### March Book of the Month

*It could always be worse* by Margot Zemach

### April Book of the Month

*The girl who never made mistakes* by Mark Pett

## **President’s Report**

Maria Hutchinson

### Important Dates

#### *March*

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| 3/14 | Kick off to Youth Art Month - Come and visit the Board of Ed. starting at 6:30 pm to view some of the students’ artwork |
| 3/16 | Bagel Breakfast 8:10 am   |
| 3/20 | Report Cards Grades 1-5   |
| 3/23 | Teacher Appreciation Luncheon 12 pm   |
| 3/23 | Third Grade Concert 1:30 pm   |

3/28	Wellbeing Series, Change is Opportunity, 7 pm at GW
3/29-30	School Closed – Professional Day and Good Friday
<i>April</i>	
4/6	Environmental Day 9am-12pm
4/9 - 4/12	School Closed – Spring Recess
4/13	School is Open
4/27	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades’ Spring Concert 1:30 pm (vocal)
4/30-5/4	PARCC Testing
<i>May</i>	
5/7	Teacher Appreciation week
5/8	Kindergarten Orientation 1-3pm
5/10	Kindergarten Orientation 9-11am
5/11	Teacher Appreciation Lunch
5/11	First Grade Show 9:30am & 1:30pm
5/15	HSA meeting 1:15pm (teacher’s lounge)

Update

- Carnival Fundraiser

We signed the contract for our Carnival event on June 2, 2018. We will have a bouncy house, dunk tank, slide, 8 different games, prize station, unlimited popcorn and cotton candy, raffle baskets, Jersey Johnnies, Sanduccis pizza, and Mr. Softee (food trucks). Maria will ask Travell how many porta-potties they used for their MayFair.

- Flower Sale

Maria will verify when we will be having our annual flower sale.

**Vice President’s Report**

Hilary Wallace

Enrichment Update

Upcoming enrichment activities include the following:

- Tanglewood Marionettes – entire school
- Joe Lennox Space Program, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, March 28<sup>th</sup>
- Outrageous Pets- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Date TBD
- Meet the Musicians, May 21st
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade encampment, May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>
- Ellis Island, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, June 1<sup>st</sup>

Friends of Ridge (FOR) Campaign

We are currently at \$13,050 in donations.

Science Fair

Hilary Wallace mentioned that Lip Sync Coordinator, Kathleen Harris had suggested spacing the Science Fair and Lip Sync Night two weeks apart. Kathleen also suggested having the Science Fair in the evening so that working parents can attend. After discussing with the board, Jean suggested having the Fair all day on Thursday and have a time slot at night for the parents to attend. The board discussed having shorter walkthroughs during the day and presenting the interactive projects at night for the parents. On Thursday morning, the parents and the children would set up the projects.

## Secretary's Report

Alyssa Fiol

**Motion - A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to approve the Minutes from the February 13, 2018 Ridge H.S.A. meeting.**

- Motion was approved by Tara Briganti and seconded by Amy Kahn.

### Update

Alyssa read the following thank you note:

- The Ridgewood Board of Ed thanked the HSA for renewing the Reflex Math licenses.

## Treasurer's Report

Tara Briganti

**A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to approve the Balance Sheet as of March 13, 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

- Operating account is down because checks have been going out for all the enrichment and social activities.
- We are currently tracking expenses for the last few enrichment activities, July 4<sup>th</sup> float and classroom grants.
- We are still waiting for a check for School Photos.
- We are continuing to ask for donations for Friends of Ridge (FOR).
- Deadline for classroom grants is May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- We made \$352.50 in profit from the Lip Sync Bake Sale.

## Planning and Development's Report

Alina Albano

### Update

- Alina is helping with the raffle baskets for our Carnival. If you have any basket ideas, please send them to Alina Albano. We would like to create some children themed baskets.
- Alina will work with Danielle Katsaros to see if Gravity Vault would be willing to donate a gift for one of our baskets.

## Volunteer Coordinator's Report

Caren Langheim

### Update

- Caren sent out an email today to secure volunteers for next year.

- Thank you to Kathleen Harris, her husband and Bridget Kong for their great work on our Lip Sync Program.
- Ridgewear is still available. We will be promoting spirit day with our Ridgewear inventory.

**Other**

TICTOC (Caroline Perrin)

- The board at end of 5<sup>th</sup> grade hallway will be used for the TICTOC Program.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Fiol

Ridge H.S.A. Secretary

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