

Ridgewood Avenue Home & School Association Meeting Minutes



Friday Jan 12, 2018

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Officers present: Nicole Quinn - President; Keri Napolitani - VP, Gretchen Koss - VP, Tara Arnett - Secretary, Lauren Johnson - Treasurer

President Nicole Quinn called the meeting to order at 8:45am

Principal's Report (Mr. Donovan)

Since We Last Met

- MP1 Ended - report cards went home.
- Jump Rope for Heart for 3rd and 4th graders.
- Harlem Wizards Game - big hit, lots of happy kids _

Odds & Ends

- Winter Concert- January 18th
- Peter Pan Auditions coming up next week. 230 students signed up to participate. Only 4,5,6th graders auditioning for roles.
- No School- Monday, January 15th

Looking Forward

- No Name Calling Week- Week of January 16th

Over parenting Workshop coming up on January 24th with Dr. Michelle McCoy Barrett. A reminder email to rsvp went out.

- Theresa Tarabocchia will be our new music and chorus teacher starting on Tuesday. She comes to us from a private school and is also a trained opera singer.
- Next Year- we are planning on a 7th section of 5th grade to address large class sizes. Planning has already started for budget and staffing. The new section still needs board approval.

Other

A reminder that delayed openings are 90 minutes.

- Puppy Love Pull Toys - project in the maker space. Please send in old GR t-shirts, students will turn them into dog toys. Toys will be donated to shelter.

We have purchased a Phantom 4 drone to use for school events like Rhino Romp and Field Day. Funds came from a donation from Gas Lamp players.

- MAP Testing starts next week. We have a 3-week window to complete testing. Teachers will email parents with specific schedule. Results will be mailed home showing progress from September to January.

Faculty Report (Mrs. Goodwin)

Thank you for National Education Week, holiday store and holiday class parties

BOE Report (Betsy Ginsburg)

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Board has re organized after the elections. New chair of communications is Ali Lang. Re elected members sworn in at our last meeting. We have hired a construction manager for Central School, prepping for all the projects at other schools. Board has decided to go ahead with eminent domain proceeding. We have an agreement with Wells Fargo, but cannot reach agreement with a tenant.

Had hoped to have students in building 9/18, probably not possible but don't want further delays, so exercising eminent domain option.

President's Report (Nicole Quinn)

We will have 2 board positions open for next year - treasurer and 1st Vice President. Please let us know if you are interested.

Cyclebar fundraiser last night. Chocolate covered strawberry fundraiser underway, considering a dinner/soup meal order fundraiser.

Box Tops - almost 5,000 donated, bringing in about 500 dollars for the school. Mr. Terpin's class was the winner; class gets an extra recess period.

Holiday Store brought in about 3,000. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Harlem Wizards event great success bringing in nearly \$8,000. Looking to do another in 2 years, need a new chairperson.

Mrs. Mooney has invited Daniel Kirk to do an author visit.

Raised almost 2,000 so far for the locker campaign

Treasurer's Report (Lauren Johnson)

We have had a busy two months, Holiday store brought in about \$3,000

Wizards \$7700

School Photos \$3500

Krispy Kreme - \$760

RAHSA brought in 22,000 for the fall; total cash in the bank is \$53,000. After commitments, cash available for use is \$33,000

Committee Reports

Library - still need volunteers, especially for 3rd and 4th graders

Trep\$ - Kimberly Amici reports registration was full in 5 hours. We are now going thru the list making sure there are no duplicates, will finalize in the next few days. Classes began Jan 26, marketplace on March 14. Always looking for volunteers to help with marketing and pr.

Valentine's Baskets - first email went out for donations for the annual baskets.

6GP - Thank you to all who participated in our Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser. We are working on getting our committees in place. We have secured a location for a party that all students will be invited to. Dues request going out soon.

Thanks You's

Spirit wear sales did well, thanks to Shari Ornstein and Sonja Hood

Box tops thanks to Ali Sava

Holiday store - Nancy DiCicco, Cara Conomos, Tara Easter and Cheryl Geraci

Funding Requests (Mr. Donovan)

\$500 for over parenting workshop. Gretchen Koss makes a motion, Duval Graham seconds. Motion passes.

\$500 for Daniel Kirk author visit. Gretchen Koss makes a motion, Toni Grober seconds. Motion passes.

November Meeting Minutes.

Julie Stolte makes a motion, Cathy Walter 2nds. Motion passes.

Next RAS HSA meeting - Feb 2 at 8:45 a.m. in the RAS Cafeteria.

Adjourned at 9:25am.