

Ridgewood Avenue Home & School Association Meeting Minutes



Friday Nov 3, 2017

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

President Nicole Quinn called the meeting to order at 8:48am

Principal's Report (Mr. Donovan)

Since the last time we met we have had our Cyber bullying assembly, Red Ribbon week , Halloween Parade ,4th grade field trip to the Mines, 6th Grade trip to the Poe play
In November we have our Adoption awareness breakfast, Bring a Vet to school, National Education Week and Conferences.

The Talent Show is tonight

We will send an email soon regarding 3rd grade parent Google training on November 14th.

Also coming up - 3rd Grade ThankSharing and 4th Grade feast

Marking Period 1 ends 12/4

Wizard's game on 12/10

New program this year - Upstander of the week organized by Mr. Heittman. Winning student receives 3 free tickets to a Jets game.

Also proud to announce we have signed RAS to partner with We Schools. Organization will visit in November and have a kick off assembly. Will help the kids find something that is meaningful to them.

Faculty Report (Mrs. Goodwin)

Everyone enjoyed the Halloween party and the assembly on Diabetes.

Looking forward to National Education Week and Conferences

BOE Report (Betsy Ginsburg)

Big reports from the Board - Violence and Vandalism and District Testing results. Required filings by the state. Reports available on board website.

Honored Mrs. Dunworth at Forest Ave, retiring this year, has worked at Linden and District offices

Approved the hiring of a traffic engineer to do a traffic study on the Central School building

Approved a company to do a district wide engineering study on the quality of water.

Please remember to vote on Tuesday. 3 Board of Education seats on the ballot.

President's Report (Nicole Quinn)

Box tops collections have begun. Prize is extra recess for class with most box tops.

Harlem Wizards is sold out, happening on 12/10

Winter Discovery will work to not conflict with the school play

Spirit Wear sale is underway, ends next Thursday

Weekend of 11/17 the Wonder movie is coming out, working on a possible family movie event at Bellevue theater

Fundraising goal this year may be to replace the 2nd floor lockers. Work would be done next summer.

Treasurer's Report (Lauren Johnson)

Ended October with 30,000 in the bank. Much of it is already earmarked for ongoing HSA programs.

\$3600 available to use
Most of the movement in the last month has been Discovery. Fall profit is about \$1300.

Committee Reports

Sheets and Treats - Stephanie Koskuba reports we sold about 4,775 worth of items. Profit of 1,969. About 70 orders this year. Items ordered via paper form will arrive at school on Monday or Tuesday.
Book Fair - Ellen Regazzi. Coming up on 11/3-11/17. Teacher preview day on the 13th. Same week as National Education week and conferences. Will have book titles from 100 books and Battle of the Books. Table of teacher picks this year.
Tuesday fair is open all day including for afternoon conferences. Thursday is the family night event featuring a gift basket raffle.
Holiday Store - December 5th through 7th. Parent volunteers will be needed to help wrap and shop.
Library - Ingrid Kozlowski - we have had some additional training, can always use more volunteers.
Wizards - Rennae Pelayo. 700 tickets sold in 2.5 days. HS basketball team running souvenir stand. GRAA basketball running concession. RAS running the event and 50/50 raffle.
GRB -Mary O'Farrell - holiday sale link is live on GRB site. 2 order periods. Email going out today. Small group working on raising awareness for the Benefit app. The app has brought in \$1200, 112 families signed up, but only 43 have used it. The top 10 users have made 78%. If you'd like to learn more about the app please reach out at grbenefitssocial@gmail.com and we will help you get started.
6th Grade Promotion - Tara Arnett, kick off meeting coming up on Nov 20th at 8pm
Cyclebar - fundraiser coming up on Jan 11. 48 bikes available, can do the ride and then socialize afterwards. Could do 2 sessions if we wanted.

Thanks You's

Sheets and Treats thank you to Stephanie Koskuba and Toni Grober for organizing.

Funding Requests (Mr. Donovan)

Special education teachers Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Gois are transforming their classroom into a different theme each month. September had a beach theme, October was Halloween, the next theme is mysteries. Asking for \$500 to help the teachers purchase supplies and decorations for future themes.
Gretchen Koss makes a motion, Rebecca Keskowski seconds. Motion passes.

October Meeting Minutes.

Toni Grober makes a motion, Julie Stolte 2nds. Motion passes.

Next RAS HSA meeting -January 5th at 8:45 a.m. in the RAS Cafeteria.

Adjourned at 9:36am.