

# Ridgewood Avenue Home & School Association Meeting Minutes



Friday October 6th, 2017

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## **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)**

#### Odds & Ends

Celebration Week of Respect all week

Student Council Induction Ceremony Today

Half Day on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> -Professional development day in the afternoon for staff

MAP Testing almost finished with first round. 2<sup>nd</sup> round will be in January.

Red Ribbon Week coming up in the Last Week of October

5<sup>th</sup> Graders Fort Lee Field Trips this month

On October 18<sup>th</sup> Sgt Tom Rich will be here with a presentation on bullying. He will speak to students during the day and parents in the evening. Part of the presentation will include an online app for anonymous bully reporting.

On October 26<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Graders have their Edgar Allen Poe Field Trip. Classes have a mini unit focused on Poe leading up to Halloween.

October 31<sup>st</sup>- Halloween Celebration - Email went out this week with the details.

#### Looking Forward

On October 30<sup>th</sup> - the Board of Education meeting will take place at RAS.

November 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>. 6<sup>th</sup> graders go on the Buehler challenger trip in Paramus. Students apply for positions and complete a space mission.

Talent show will take place November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Discuss

Parent Google Workshops - Well attended. Will do again, consensus to hold a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade specific workshop.

Would like to offer Over parenting Workshop from the author of "How to Raise an Adult" again in the evening this time.

Email Communications - comes up several times a year. System will never be perfect. Principals and school officials discuss frequently. We feel that the 2pm emails are the best solution.

Maker space/SAFE Room - are up and running. 3,4,5<sup>th</sup> in Maker space every day at recess. Donor plaque installed. SAFE room still needs to hire a few staffers.

Pomptonian - Samples on hand. School very happy with the food so far. Kids seem to like the food as well. Vending machine will not have soda.

RAS will sign up as a WE School. The charity based organization helps you find the type of organization to become involved in. There will be a kick off meeting to talk about what the program is, how kids and teachers can use it.

### **Faculty Report (Mrs. Goodwin)**

Thank you to the class parents that volunteered

### **BOE Report (Betsy Ginsburg)**

The Board has had 2 meetings since school began. Coffee & Conversations at all 4 schools. We can always be reached via schools website/board of ed page

Sold some financial notes have been sold to fund preliminary work on projects from the referendum. A lot happening behind the scenes.

BOE finalized its goals for the year - Curriculum/AP Capstone, Review Technology initiatives including maker spaces, oversight of facilities projects, keep public informed of ongoing projects.

### **Treasurer's Report (Lauren Johnson)**

Ended September with \$30,000 in the bank. Most committed to programs/projects  
Cash available to spend 2,563

### **President's Report (Nicole Quinn)**

Lots of September meetings with committees - everyone up and running  
New Spirit Wear committee - looking to do a sale late October/early November.  
Mid November is National Education Week - will plan activities for teachers and staff  
Discovery - new classes underway. We had some technical issues with the Minecraft Class will try to re run in the spring.

### **Committee Reports**

School Photos - Lisa Kolberg. Everything went well. Everyone should have received and returned proofs. Pictures should be back in a couple of weeks.

Enrichment - Lavi Raghavan - our second program is coming next week. 'Austin the Unstoppable'. Parents are invited. Committee members visited a vendor showcase to start looking for next year.

Sheets n Treats - Deadline is 10/16. May extend because of technical difficulties. Doesn't support some browsers, suggest using Google Chrome. Profit slightly higher with paper form, but you have to pick up from school.

Library - Lucilla Giantomenico - volunteers up and running. Looking to add another training for more volunteers. Will distribute through class parents.

Book Fair - Ellen Regazzi. Nov 14 - 17 to coincide with conferences and National Education week. Will offer books that tie in with school wide initiatives like 100 books and Battle of the Books. Will offer extended afternoon hours again this year, really increased sales last year. Set Up is Monday 11/13

GREF - Duval Graham. 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala coming up on April 7<sup>th</sup> at GRCC. Save the date. The Ed foundation raises money to support all of our schools RAS has seen the 6<sup>th</sup> grade science lab, and refurbishment of the auditorium. Ashenfelter 8K on Thanksgiving is the biggest fundraiser.

Harlem Wizards - coming up on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Tickets will be sold online 2-week preview sale for RAS only. Should start in mid October. Wizards will also visit students at Recess.

GR Benefits - Mary O'Farrell. Hurricane Harvey fundraiser open until the 15<sup>th</sup>. Kid stuff coupon book sale has closed.

### **Thanks You's**

School photos\_ - Julie Stolte & Lisa Kolberg  
Class Parent Selections - Tara Arnett and Julie Stolte  
Puerto Rican Aid Drive - Ms. Rodriguez and Marylou Cabrera

**Funding Requests (Mr. Donovan)**

None

**September Meeting Minutes.**

Julie Stolte makes a motion to approve, Duval Graham seconds. Motion passes.

Next RAS HSA meeting -November 3rd at 8:45 a.m. in the RAS Cafeteria.

Adjourned at 940am.