

Ridgewood Avenue Home & School Association Meeting Minutes



Friday Sept 8th, 2017

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 8:46am

Principal's Report (Mr. Donovan)

Odds & Ends

We had a great first day of school. Hope everyone saw our lawn signs.

Back to school Night one of the best ever.

Class meetings, Mr. Heitmann and I are meeting with all the grades.

Continuing programs – HIB/Guidance, Rhino Reading, Rhino Crash, Character Education

A reminder that we do not accept forgotten items at school

Reminder going out for parents to join our Facebook and Instagram pages

Test scores will now be posted in Skyward. Full InView scores should be available soon

Heights & Weights email went out

Pomptonian new food service off to a great start, Coke machine will not have soda

2 new rooms at school – Makerspace and Safe room

Report cards – going from 4 marking periods to 3, and changing rankings to match Forest & Linden

Digital Portfolio rolling out this year, will store work from year to year

Curriculum updates:

Language Arts- Continue Using WONDERS

Writers' Workshop & DRAs

Implementing New Math Curriculum

Reviewing Social Studies Curriculum

GT/Enrichment/Acceleration/Differentiated Instruction

Basic skills letters going home next week

Maps testing 3 times this year beginning of the year, Jan and June

1:1 initiative in place, looks amazing to see all the 6th graders using their chromebooks

Most 5th grade classrooms have chromebook carts, 4th and 5th graders may bring their own device

Will host Google Training sessions again for parents

School store will be open next week

RAS looking for furniture donations for classrooms, contact Mr. Donovan if you have items

Clubs getting under way

Faculty Report (Mrs. Goodwin)

Thank you for organizing the school supplies fundraiser. If you need anything please reach out to your teachers.

BOE Report (Betsy Ginsburg)

Energy in the building at back to school night was contagious, so happy to be here.

BOE overview – 9 members elected, every year 3 seats are up for election in GR, contact info on the BOE website

We do not run the schools, we make sure they are well run, oversee the budget process, we send liasions to all HSA meetings

Board of Ed meets monthly during the school year. Meetings uploaded to you tube

In July had our Board retreat this year we focused on curriculum

Treasurer's Report (Lauren Johnson)

RAHSA has 3 bank accounts – savings account/rainy day, game of chance account, and checking account

As of June 2017 – 94,000 in accounts. Chromebooks purchased over the summer for about \$61,000

After commitments we have \$3,401 to spend

President's Report (Nicole Quinn)

Welcome back, happy to see new faces

Spent the summer transitioning

Working on donor plaque for makerspace

Chromebook covers very popular, considering another sale

Committee Reports

Class Parents – Tara Arnett – still looking for parents in Goodwin, Bucher and Cinotti

Photos - Lisa Kollberg - coming up next week. Schedule is done and will be emailed out today. No volunteers needed.

Enrichment – Lavi Raghavan on 9/29 ArtsPower will be here. Next program in October.

6th Grade promo – Kristin O'Neil just getting started gathering info from last year

School supplies – Diana Lardner everything went fine, a few things damaged in transit, replacements coming.

Successful sale, even though it ended 2 weeks earlier. Profit of \$4,538. Suggestion made to open the sale a week earlier next year to allow parents more time

Chromebook covers – we sold about 60 for a profit of \$400

GRB – Mary O'Farrell - working on a Hurricane Harvey fundraiser coming soon, also be sure to check out the GR Benefits app

Social Events – Michelle Militello & Rebecca Keszowski – hoping to help build community at RAS. Held a 3rd grade social last night at Fitzgerald's, about 75 people showed up. More events coming up throughout the year.

Library – Ingrid Kozlowski we are always looking for library volunteers. We offer training session. Great time to come in and see your child.

Sheets n Treats – Toni Grober - sale launching on 9/25. Same vendor as last year Cherrydale, features a variety gift-wrap, treats and gifts.

Box Tops – Ali Sava please keep clipping. Total last year was around 3K for the year. Prize for the class that collects the most.

Book Fair – Ellen Regazzi we use Scholastic again as our vendor. This year it is the week of 11/13. Will send out a schedule of visits

Thanks You's

Kristin and Tara thank you for organizing the Jackals and sorting tickets
Kim & Carl Amici for hosting the volunteer reception
6th grade promotion committee
School supplies – Diana Larder & Shannin Vanwayenberge
Nominations - Kristin O'Neil & Tara Arnett
New Parent Mixer – Michelle Militello & Rebecca Keszowski

Funding Requests (Mr. Donovan)

Mr. Donovan requests \$3,000 for birthday pizza lunches. Nancy DiCicco makes a motion, Gretchen Koss seconds. Motion passes.

June Meeting Minutes.

Helen Benson makes a motion to approve, Kristin O'Neil seconds. Motion passes.

Next RAS HSA meeting – October 6th at 8:45 a.m. in the RAS Cafeteria.

Adjourned at 945am.