

Ridgeline Academy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Governing & Corporate Board

Monday, April 12, 2021 at 4 p.m.

Ridgeline Academy School Library

33625 N. North Valley Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85085

NOTE: All actions taken by the Corporate Board

Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 4:06 by Brandon Yancey

Roll Call – Determine Quorum

Kristine Burnett - Present

Jason Klonoski – Present

Brandon Yancey – Present

Kevin Seabolt – Present

John Mazza – Absent

Adoption of Agenda:

Jason Klonoski moves to accept the agenda as presented.

Kevin Seabolt seconds the motion.

Kristine Burnett - Y

Jason Klonoski – Y

Brandon Yancey – Y

Kevin Seabolt – Y

The motion carries unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: (March 15, 2021 and March 26, 2021)

Kristine Burnett makes a motion to accept the March 15th and March 26th Meeting Minutes as presented.

Brandon Yancey seconds.

Kristine Burnett - Y

Jason Klonoski – Y

Brandon Yancey – Y

Kevin Seabolt – Y

The motion carries unanimously.

Comments from School Site Council

No comments

Comments from the P.T.O.

In person book fair in March – only open for class visits. Still almost one of our best fairs ever – approximately \$11,000. That will give us \$5,500. Each teacher purchased books.

Currently preparing for teacher appreciation week

Spoiling Teachers during testing

Looking for parent donations

Largest source of revenue this year was book fair

Selling socks

Few Dine Nights

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A few families who have just donated cash
Teacher meals
Classroom expenses in almost all teachers pay teachers and Brain Pop
Kinder Kick-off
Quarterly Fry's \$1k
Bought favors for PROM

Comments from Staff – Grade Level Report

Mike Merloe gave a report for Fourth Grade.
Going on a field trip on May 6th Medieval Times
Kids are excited to have a regular Field Trip
In Science 4th grade is covering electricity and magnetism
Social Studies – Revolutionary War moving into Constitution, Bill of Rights and Reform Movement

Brooke Toussaint gave a brief report for First Grade.
Finalized their first field trip with animal habitats going to the zoo on May 21st
Just started Revolutionary War
First Grade had a showcase night after Spring Break Walkthrough Zoo Kids dressed up as their animal
Parents came
Kindergarten field
7 habitats and the kids were separated into their habitats

Comments from the Board of Directors

Brandon Yancey thanked the staff and the PTO for their efforts

Monthly Reports

School Director's Report: Elementary and High School

7-12 Tawnya Mecham

Trying to set up interviews
AzM2 has started
7th/8th grade is testing
8th and 11th graders are field testing science
10th graders are taking AzMerit
Moving forward we will just take ACT
Course registrations are going pretty well – chasing down stragglers
18 or 19 9th graders who are not returning – most of these are people who were always planning to go elsewhere
Mr. Vasey's class is designing their own companies and coming up with their own products – designer food,
Tawnya bought face wash, there are stickers, emojis
Trade Show in the parking lot
Owner of the 41st street Market invited them to the Farmer's Market
Art Exposee – Art, Photography, Music, Talent show Food Trucks, community event painted chairs Lilah
Minton won the talent show with her martial arts
Marketing class is going to film a commercial
April 30th is move up day – 6th graders are coming up to the high school. Scavenger Hunt. See different classes. Do activities with secondary students
May 1st is going to have a BBQ/Open House the following day

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PROM is Island Paradise
Committees are working on promotions
Tawnya is working on hiring

K-6 Julie Downing

Professional Development K/1 Vertical Alignment
5th – 8th did subject specific vertical alignment
2-4 did Literacy with Lorrie
Core Knowledge Team is meeting on those half days
AzM2 testing is happening
Once state testing is over, then NWEA begins
DAR Essay contest 5th Grade Jake Roedig, 6th Grade Christian VanderHam essays moved to state
Willy Wonka Jr. opens this week. 2 shows on campus
Kindergarten kick-off and town hall are one event on May 5th
Kinder and 6th is planning end of year celebrations both teams are dividing
Enrollment/Interviews

Enrollment Snapshot

Current enrollment 912
5 students withdrew this month, 2 new students
Current enrollment for next year we are REALLY full
The course request forms were helpful in getting final answers from families in the secondary campus
Still enrolling in all grade levels other than 1st and 2nd grade
4 more enrollments today, 2 were kindergartens
Tuesday night tours on the secondary
Wednesday nights at the elementary
Lots of people moving in from out of state

Tax Credit/Additional Revenue Report

Nothing Notable

Financial Report – March

Strong Month
ESG – still hasn't hit the books which shows the Variance
\$2 Million of Cash on Hand is only 4 months of cash
Nothing significant
Questions about Compass Learning/Edgenuity

Voucher and Financial Approvals

Jason Moves to approve the vouchers as presented.
Kevin Seabolt seconds.

Kristine Burnett - Y
Jason Klonoski – Y
Brandon Yancey – Y
Kevin Seabolt – Y

The motion carries unanimously.

Other Items

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Business

Opening School

In-Person Support for learning and Online Program (Update/No Vote)

Field Work

We will need to Hydroseed the field in the next month.

Bond/Loan Extension Renewal

Closed on the refinance this year on a 3-year note with no prepayment penalty
Low appraisals

Title I Update

All items were approved by the state

Boys and Girls Club Partnership

We have an Agreement in hand. It has not been approved by either party.
Tawnya will need to walk the space w/ Keven

Brandon makes a motion that Keven, Tawnya and Kristine will move forward with the power to execute the Agreement if there are no material changes.

Krsitine Burnett seconds the motion.

Kristine Burnett - Y
Jason Klonoski – Y
Brandon Yancey – Y
Kevin Seabolt – Y

The motion carries unanimously.

Academics

Summer School

Discussion by Keven Barker about whether it will be grant funded and free to parents through ESSER II or whether parents will need to pay. Either way, summer school is going to be even more important this year.

Move On When Reading New Requirements

Julie Downing and Keven Barker will bring recommendations for the Reading Intervention Program to the May meeting. We must approve a new program for Move on When Reading funds prior to next year.

SEL Coordinator/Social Worker Position

Keven Barker discusses a position that would be 75% in classrooms with students/ 25% training teachers 1.0 position

Focus on trauma and trauma informed practice

Work to support the new needs we are seeing as a result of the pandemic

Title I or ESSER II runs until 2023

Kristine Burnett says counseling support is a great thing to offer students, especially right now

Kevin moves to approve the creation of a new 1.0 position that would work in Counseling/Social Work as described.

Kristine seconds the motion.

Kristine Burnett - Y
Jason Klonoski – Y

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Brandon Yancey – Y
Kevin Seabolt – Y

The motion carries unanimously.

Brandon Yancey moves to enter executive session to discuss the open employment issue with the potential for contacting legal counsel, the real estate strategy, and the Boys and Girls Club MOU.

Jason Klonoski seconds.

Kristine Burnett - Y
Jason Klonoski – Y
Brandon Yancey – Y
Kevin Seabolt – Y

The motion carries unanimously.

Board enters Executive Session at 5:04 p.m.

Board returns from Executive Session at 5:42 p.m.

Kristine Burnett moves to adjourn the meeting.
Jason Klonoski seconds.

Kristine Burnett - Y
Jason Klonoski – Y
Brandon Yancey – Y
Kevin Seabolt – Y

The motion carries unanimously.

Meeting is adjourned at 5:43 p.m.