

Ridgewood School
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes-September 24, 2009

Board members present: J. Gianakopolous, S. Gianakopolous, S. Mccready, C. Sekhar, P. Campbell, A. Syed, B. Beals, N. Pavlatos, C. Misick

Others present: Rick Yontz, M. Metzger, Unum Ranginwala, K. Denman, T. Zariwala, Rich and Karen Baker, J. Franks, B. Woods

Meeting was called to order by P. Campbell at 5:30 pm.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Visitors were acknowledged. Mr. Metzger and Unum Ranginwala gave a brief presentation about a program called Planet Aid. They requested that they be allowed to place a Planet Aid Box on school grounds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 20th meeting minutes approved with changes.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Next month's board meeting will have audited financials for year 2008-2009.

ADMISSIONS REPORT: 81 students. 56 in lower level and 25 in the upper level. 17 new students.

PATT REPORT: Multicultural event is coming up. Afshan Syed is chair. No PATT chair. Jade reported on the progress of the auction. The auction will be March 5th, a Friday night. She has already spoken with Mumma auctioneer about the date.

CURRICULUM REPORT: Next Meeting will be October 13th, 5pm. R. Yontz has been in all the classrooms to see what is happening.

MARKETING REPORT: Beth Woods attended workshops. She got ideas for financial aid committees, teacher interaction with UL and LL students. She attended a Social Media workshop--Ridgewood has twitter and facebook page. Beth has met with people about website changes. Jim Ongst will charge \$200-\$500 for simple changes to make the website more attractive. S. Gianakopolous asked to inquire more information about how much future things we want to add or change would cost, such as Ridgewood times, online giving, etc. Beth has looked into the cost of a larger billboard for advertising on Route 41 which would cost \$500 per month. She is looking at cost for printing the Ridgewood times at Box King on glossy/color paper (\$468) vs. non glossy paper (\$396). T. Zariwala suggested converting R. Times to PDF using "adobe" so people can down load from Ridgewood's website. Beth says the Springfield News Sun will come for the Multicultural Festival. She has written a letter to investment company that owns land off of Bechtle to ask for permission to put up a Ridgewood sign. She is waiting to hear back. The golf outing has about 14-15 teams signed up to play. Lots of donations for gifts. Beth has put up an alumni board in between the front doors to spotlight our alumni.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT: The parking lot has been sealed and striped for \$1375. It would cost \$3000 to seal the rest of the drive. Rick has looked into the possibility of a new sign on St. Paris Pike. It would be from Maine's signs and cost \$510 to have it printed on both sides and installed. Another option is to turn the sign around and have Carolyn Gerlinger paint an arrow pointing in the correct direction. A suggestion was made to spray/seal the existing sign. Volleyball team is doing great 19 people came to last game to cheer girls on. 7&8 year old soccer team had 1 win, 1 loss, and 1 tie. Two staff members will go for a professional development seminar on effective grading practices on September 30 Oct. 1. On October 5th and 6th Montgomery county has asked R. Yontz to be a mentor and will be helping teachers to get licensure. Oct. 16th is staff development day. Lower level and upper level teachers will get together with their grade levels to talk to each other. A person from Wright State will talk to staff about children's learning styles. Algebra 1 and Advanced French will be accepted for credit at Central. We still have to talk with Springfield High. Witenco Cleaning is on notice for not doing a good job. They did not show up one day. We may be changing cleaning companies. R. Yontz has had 5 meeting with 8th graders about the eighth grade trip. The class is deciding between Boston and New York. They also brought up going to Yellow Stone National Park. It was brought up not to make the trip cost prohibitive. It was suggested the costs of two main chaperones should be absorbed by students. There should be expectations of kids and chaperones. It was suggested to tie the trip into educational aspects at school, reports, videos, etc. Students will keep a diary everyday of their trip. When they come back they should do an assignment for that trip. R. Yontz would like to move bench in hallway to make room for an area for TV that would run Ridgewood video throughout the day. B. Woods will contact Springfield local channel to find out if we can run our video on there. Two upper level students and three lower level students went to the Fitness Cellar. The idea of a Ridgewood ski club was brought up. Jade will look into this. Tennis and golf will begin in the Spring.

NEW BUSINESS: J. Gianakopolous is trying to get "Reunion Classes" together for the auction.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted by Afshan Syed