

MINUTES
Governing Board Reading Edge Academy, Inc.
 August 29, 2017 at Samsula Academy

Governing Board Members Roll Call:

Staff Members Roll Call:

Chair: Arlene Lowery	P	Peggy Comardo, Principal	P
V Chair: Mike Caldwell	P	Don Comardo	P
Sec.: Lee Anne Carter	P	Debbie Smoak, AP REA	P
Tres: Marianne Stanley	P	Vickie Foster, AP Samsula	P
Member: Jerry Kruhm	E		
Member: Sandy Kent	P		

- Meeting Called to Order: 5:52 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Members
 - Welcome Sandy Kent
- Financial Report
 - Mrs. Stanley presented the financial reports for July and August 2017.
 - June: REA net income: \$146,154.29 and Samsula Academy net income: \$49,963.19
 - July: REA net income: \$71,383.12 and Samsula Academy net income: \$16,263.17
- Approval of Previous Minutes— June 20, 2017
 - Motion made by Mrs. Lowery to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Stanley. Motion carried 5-0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Carter and Ms. Kent voting yes.
- Public Participation
 - None
- Assistant Principals’ Reports
 - See reports below
 - In addition to the report below, Ms. Smoak told of a mother who had concerns about her children not being invited to return to REA. The parent has been told the process of appealing the decision to the board.

- Principal's Message
 - Mrs. Comardo thanked Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Smoak for their hard work and dedication during the opening of school.
 - A-Z Summer camp closed a week early. There was no payment for the school.
 - Samsula Academy opened a multi-VE Developmental Class with 6 students, 2 paraprofessionals and a teacher.
 - Our company theme is "Stick your neck out, put your tail on the line and embrace the shift."
 - Several BlackBoard Connect calls went out to inform and communicate with parents at both schools.
 - Mr. Comardo mentioned that the new LED lighting at Samsula had already led to a savings in electricity costs.

- Old Business

- New Business
 - Results of the REA Audit will be presented at the September meeting
 - Resignation of Darlene Gravenmier
 - Motion made by Mrs. Stanley to regretfully accept the resignation. Mr. Caldwell seconded. Motion carried 5-0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Carter and Ms. Kent voting yes.

- Public Participation
 - None

- Next meeting:
 - September 19, 2017 at Reading Edge Academy

- Meeting Adjourned: 6:55 pm

Assistant Principal's Report for Reading Edge Academy

Debbie Smoak, AP

August 29, 2017

Enrollment is at 318 (have a few that haven't arrived yet, will be entering on Monday, Aug. 28th)

Monday – July 31 and Tuesday – August 1

- Administrators attended the District Administrators' Institute with all district Principals, Assistant Principals, Teachers On Assignment, and District Department Heads. There was much necessary information shared from the state and federal government. Training was provided in Data, Supporting New Teachers, Testing, Technology and more.

Monday – August 7

- Professional Development was presented by Dr. Tim Kitts. He is a former Charter Principal, organizer, consultant for others starting charters and curriculum. He talked with both staffs about things we were doing great and things that we could improve upon and then how to improve on those things. All the participants had good things to say about his presentation and are implementing his suggestions.

Tuesday – August 8

- Tim Skinner came and took the staff ID pictures. Mrs. Comardo had the REA, Inc workshop with our staff members. She introduced the new staff to the group:
 - 1st grade – Nikole Goins
 - 2nd grade – Dorianne Hahn and Roberta Lowinski
 - 3rd grade – Christina Dwarika
 - Speech – Ardor Health, Linda Stitt
 - ESD – Alijah Martinez, Kenzie Haner, and Mia Caron (waiting her clearances)

Friday – August 11

- Meet the Teacher – all teachers helped with the organization, traffic, and parents. The program was staggered due to the parking concerns. PTA was a great help!
 - 8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Kindergarten
 - 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 1st grade
 - 9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. 2nd and 3rd grade
 - 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 4th and 5th grade

Families with multiple children were allowed to see that teacher was available at the time they were here to meet and greet. All seemed to be cooperative.

Monday – August 14

- School starts, opening was good, busy but civil and all seemed to get where they belonged without too much confusion. Curriculum nights began that evening so parents knew they had an opportunity to talk to their teacher that night and didn't have to take time to try and talk to the teacher at the door the first day.
- Curriculum Nights were Monday – Thursday that week from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. All teachers and staff participated in their nights with Special areas picking a good time to share their programs.
 - Monday night – Kindergarten
 - Tuesday night – 1st grade
 - Wednesday night – 4th and 5th grade
 - Thursday night – 2nd and 3rd grade

Monday – August 21

- Solar Eclipse – Mrs. Foster and I had a conference call with Mrs. Comardo on Wednesday, August 16th and decided that we would follow the guidelines that Volusia County schools and sent information home about the safety concerns and that if a parent wanted to pick their student up by 12:30 p.m. that day to view the Eclipse with the family or just for safety concerns, we would consider that 'an excused check-out'.

Wednesday – August 23

- All faculty was trained with the VSET (teacher evaluation tool) during our Early Release

Thursday – August 24

- REA had the Volusia County Sheriff's Inspection and Massey's termite inspection

Friday – September 1

- All teachers have to attend training in either ELA, Math or Science. Their location is determined by their grade level and subject. This is an all day training required.

Wednesday – September 6

- Health Screenings for kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and all new to Volusia County schools
- Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Robles will conduct Number Talks with new teachers, joint schools

Tuesday – September 12 and Wednesday – September 13 – Year book pictures for students

Thursday – September 14

- Spirit Night with Chick Fil A from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. Faculty with help monitor fun room

Friday – September 15 School Store Assembly

Friday – September 22 Jeans for tuna fish

- The school will collect tuna fish for the Jerry Dolinger Food bank for two weeks and those students who participate and bring in tuna fish will wear jeans on Friday.

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 - ESD – Jennifer Christ
 - Cafeteria—Crystal McCaddon

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- Meet the Teacher – all teachers helped with the organization, traffic, and parents. The Day was a great success. Parents signed up to volunteer and also were able to purchase uniforms. At 12:00 an announcement was made for all teachers to attend a faculty meeting so they could then have the rest of the day to prepare for Monday.

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