

**MINUTES**  
**Governing Board Reading Edge Academy, Inc.**  
**April 18, 2017 – Reading Edge 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.: Darlene Gravenmier	P	Debbie Smoak, AP REA	P
Tres: Marianne Stanley	P	Vickie Foster, AP Samsula	E
Member: Jerry Kruhm	P		
Member: Lee Anne Carter	E		

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Members

Financial Report

Financial Report presented by M. Stanley

Approval of Previous Minutes— March 21, 2017 Mr. Kruhm motioned that we approve the minutes, and Mr. Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote, Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Gravenmier, Mr. Kruhm, and Mrs. Stanley voting approval.

Public Participation

Assistant Principals Reports

Vickie Foster, Assistant Principal, Samsula Academy

3/22 FSA tutoring celebration took place from 11:30-1:00, 3-5 graders had a wonderful time with the activities.

3/27 Speedway Program Sales Party- Students who sold 10 or more programs received a trophy and had a pizza party. Their pictures will be in the yearbook and the student who sold the most programs received a remote controlled robot.

3/28 & 29/17 Third grade completed FSA ELA testing without incident – this was a paper/pencil test. Results will determine student’s placement in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Those students who are struggling have a portfolio in place and will be ready to send to the Summer Camp if necessary.

3/31/17 We did not do the kindergarten lottery since we were able to take all that was on our waitlist. This included incoming siblings. We will have 2 Kindergarten classes next year.

3/7/17 Teachers worked on completing their DPP for VSET. I met with some teachers and went over their observations with them.

4/10-13/17 5<sup>th</sup> grade completed FSA Math and FSA ELA computer based testing. We were fortunate that we had very few connection issues.

4/14/17 We had a Turtle Conservation Group come to school and presented 2 shows. They taught the students the different types of turtles and ways we can help preserve them.

4/18 & 20/17 3rd grade will complete FSA Math computer based test which completes 3<sup>rd</sup> grade testing.

4/19/17 Vehicle for Change is an anti-bullying campaign that travels to different schools. For a charge of \$10 per student, they bring 2 bounce houses and a rock climbing wall to your campus. The wall has been up for 2 days and the kids are very excited.

4/21/17 Samsula is hosting our Volunteer Breakfast at Bob Evan's in Port Orange. Invitations were sent out to our volunteers who had 50 or more hours of service this year. We anticipate 24 to attend.

Current Enrollment: 238

Debbie Smoak, Assistant Principal, Reading Edge Academy

We have had articulations with Galaxy, River Springs, and Deltona Middle Schools for our current 5<sup>th</sup> graders with IEP's. These meetings involve the classroom teacher, ESE specialist, District staffing specialist, Middle school Guidance counselor, parents, and administration.

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3/30/17 We had a Spirit Night at Chick-fil-a with a great turn out – many teachers came and supported our students and PTA.

3/31/17 We did the kindergarten lottery and selected our 54 students which included siblings – there are still 21 children on the Wait List for kindergarten for the 2017/2018 school year.

4/7/17 Debary Golf & Country Club provided lunch for our staff for Teacher Appreciation. Our PTA was instrumental in getting the entire meal donated and enough volunteers to cover the café so that the teachers were able to eat in the conference room without students.

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4/11/17 4<sup>th</sup> grade visited St. Augustine. The bus left school at 7:15 a.m. and returned at 8:00 p.m. Students and teachers were tired on Wednesday, but had a great time.

4/12/17 2<sup>nd</sup> grade visited the Marine Science Center for an all day trip. We had no incidents with students or faculty.

4/14/17 We had Field Day to celebrate the end of this testing week. We had almost 30 volunteers here to help. Kona Ice came and we had snow cones for all students. Firehouse Subs of Orange City provided lunch for the staff consisting of drinks, subs, chips and cookies.

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4/18/17 Firehouse Subs of Orange City allowed us a Spirit Night with 20% return of profits from noon to 8 p.m.

4/19&20/17 4<sup>th</sup> grade will take the FSA ELA computer based test.

4/21/17 Chick-fil-a is providing lunch for the staff in honor of Teacher Appreciation with volunteers to cover the café so that the faculty can eat in the conference room.

4/20 & 21/17 I (Debbie Smoak) request leave to attend my grandson's graduation as a United States Marine at Parris Island. I will return to school on Monday, 4/24/17.

4/24&25/17 4<sup>th</sup> grade will complete FSA Math computer based testing.

4/24/17 Reading Edge Academy will host the 2017/2018 kindergarten Roundup at 6 p.m. in our café. All families have been notified of this event and are being strongly encouraged to attend.

4/25/17 John Simmons will be on campus to talk to our staff about next year's insurance changes/enrollment/etc.

4/26/17 We have a Science review coming to help our 5<sup>th</sup> graders prepare for the FCAT Science test coming next month. They will be on campus from 8 a.m. to noon.

4/28/17 We are inviting our outstanding volunteers to a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at Perkins on Saxon BLVD and have a token of appreciation for each.

1<sup>st</sup> grade will be on a field trip to a farm in Osteen for the day.

Lunch is being provided on this day by one of our families that owns Tortortini Café in Deltona in honor of Teacher Appreciation.

Our current enrollment is 318 students

## Principal's Message

- Ms. Smoak and Ms. Foster, Assistant Principals, are doing a wonderful job. The Health Insurance will be the same company. The cost only went up by a couple of dollars for teachers.
- Ms. Amos would like to do the STEM Summer Camp here at Reading Edge Academy.
- SEAY Management Consultants – Reword the Personnel Policy Handbook that aligns them with the necessary state language for Safety and Substance abuse. The purpose being to be able to qualify for the 7% discount on our insurances. Ms. Stanley motioned that we use SEAY Management Group and Mr. Kruhm seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote, Mr. Caldwell, Ms. Lowery, Mrs. Gravenmier, Mr. Kruhm, and Ms. Stanley voting approval.
- MaryAnn Roberts requested a day off September 1, 2017. Ms. Lowery motioned that we approve her leave of absence and Ms. Stanley seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote, Mr. Caldwell, Ms. Lowery, Mrs. Gravenmier, Mr. Kruhm, and Ms. Stanley voting approval.

## Old Business

- Installation of water lines at Samsula Academy - Report on meeting —Mr. Kruhm reported that he met with the chairman of the Utilities Commission to discuss when water could be expected at Samsula Academy. Mr. Kruhm reiterated to the Commissioner that we want Samsula included in the city's future plans.

## New Business

- GB Officers for 2017-2018

## Public Participation

- None at this time

Next meeting: May 16, 2017 at Samsula Academy

Meeting Adjourned: \_\_\_\_ 7:05 PM \_\_\_\_

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
A. Lowery, Chair	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		
M. Caldwell, V. Chair.	P	P	P	P		P	E	P	P		
D. Gravenmier, Sec.	P	E	P	P		P	P	P	P		
L. Stanley, Treas.	P	P	P	E		P	P	P	P		
J. Kruhm	P	P	P	E		P	P	P	P		
P. Comardo, Principal	P	P	P	P		P	E	P	P		

D. Comardo, Staff	P	P	P	E		P	E	E	P		
K. Burr, <i>Finance Dir.</i>			Res								
D. Smoak, <i>AP-REA</i>	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		
W. Foster, <i>AP-Samsula</i>	P	P	P	E		P	P	P	E		
Lee Ann Carter	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	E		

Legend: P = Present, E = Excused, U = Unexcused, Res. = Resigned; X = Not a member, yet