

MINUTES
Governing Board Reading Edge Academy, Inc.
February 21, 2017 – Reading Edge Academy

Meeting called to order: 6:00 PM

Governing Board Members Roll Call:

Staff Members Roll Call:

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Introduction of Members

III. Financial Report

- Ms. Stanley will send a copy of the Financial Statement to everyone.
- REA: Net Income to date: \$161,000 through January 2017
- Samsula Academy: Net Income to date: \$92,000 through January 2017

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

V. Public Participation

VI. Assistant Principals Reports

Debbie Smoak, Assistant Principal, Reading Edge Academy

- Currently our enrollment is 329 students
- Mr. Russell, District Superintendent, visited the Reading Edge Academy and was impressed with the school. He has plans to visit Samsula Academy in the next two weeks.
- In January, we had an infrastructure trial for the upcoming FSA testing using 50 computers at one time. Some internet connection issues were observed and have been addressed with Mr. Comardo and Mrs. Lochiatto, as the testing coordinator. The concerns have been addressed and another trial will take place by next week to make sure all computers are in working order before computer-based testing begins in March.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24th – Ben Franklin visited our school and had an assembly with our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.

- Wednesday, Jan. 26th – I was able to pick up the medical supply donation from Florida Hospital Fish Memorial in Orange City. Donations consisted of various medical things from gloves to bandages.
- Monday, Jan. 30th – Friday, Feb. 3rd - we had our second Book Fair. Monday and Thursday nights were Family time, and students who came have the opportunity to go and make s'mores and have fun at the photo booth. Our sales exceeded \$5200. We have a great Book Fair team who consistently goes above and beyond.
- Tuesday, Jan. 31st – We had our District Security Audit. Ten district personnel came and had many suggestions that asked us to consider. Chris Boyer, head of Security for VCS is coming on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd to meet with our Security Team to help us get our paperwork in order and uploaded into a new program called "SharePoint".
- Tuesday, Jan. 31st – ACCESS testing began for our ESOL students. We have 27 ESOL students to test before March 24th. This is a 2 hour individual test. Mrs. Lochiatto is doing a great job with this task and MaryAnn Roberts is coming from Samsula to assist as needed.
- Friday, Feb. 3 – We had four students participate in "All County Chorus". Mr. Mandese was instrumental in making this a success.
- Monday, Feb. 6th – We held a Family Night at Little Caesar's in DeLand. Coach Asmussen held his "Soak the Coach" reward for "Jump Rope for Heart" for last year's top winners. It was a huge success and the students enjoyed wetting the Coach.
- Tuesday, Feb. 7th – Our 5th grade attended the Florida Symphony at the Peabody in Daytona. Mr. Mandese organized this experience for our entire 5th grade.
- Wednesday, Feb. 8th – We had our kick off for "Pennies for Patients" for the Leukemia Society which runs until Tuesday, Feb. 28th.
- Tuesday, Feb. 14th – Coach Asmussen organized an assembly to kick off "Jump Rope for Heart" this year which will run through March 9th.
- Monday, Feb. 20th was our final hurricane make-up day.
- Wednesday, Feb. 22nd is a Chick fil a Family night from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 27th – Fifth grade is having a STEM day off campus at Gemini Springs in Debarry all day.
- Tuesday, Feb. 28th – Fourth and Fifth grade begin the FSA Writing Test which is a two hour test that will be a part of their overall FSA ELA test score.
- Tuesday, Feb. 28th – Third grade will take a trip to Wonderworks in Orlando for the day with a concentration on Science activities.
- Wednesday, March 1st – Second trimester report cards are distributed
- Wednesday, March 10th – Is a duty day which Mrs. Comardo has given to those teachers who participated in our January Digital Training during the Christmas Break.

- Every Wednesday since January 25th has been FSA tutoring for all those students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade who were invited to participate.

Vickie Foster, Assistant Principal, Samsula Academy

- 1 thru 2-10, Samsula Academy participated in a fundraising effort for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Students collected coins and we had a school bake sale. We collected \$1,004.00 for the LLS.
- 2-13 thru 3-9, We are collecting coins and having our last bake sale with the proceeds going to Pilots N Paws. A non-profit organization that flies to shelters, which euthanize animals and rescues animals to transport shelters, which help animals recover and are then adopted.
- 2-16, Samsula Academy was chosen to participate in a NAEP testing program which helps with establishing the norm scores in other testing. It was for fourth grade only and all computer based.
- 2-17, Junior Achievement came to school and presented social skills and citizenship to all grade levels. Fifteen volunteers showed up to present the mini lessons. They were highly complementary about our school and students. This was arranged by our ESE teacher, Amy Michaelis.
- Upcoming events for February include: 1st grade field trip to the Museum of Arts and Sciences, 5th grade field trip to the Orlando Science Center, 4th and 5th grade FCAT Writing on the 28th, and Report Cards go home on March 1st.
- Student Enrollment is 239

VII. Principal's Message

VIII. Old Business

- Installation of water lines at Samsula Academy ongoing.
- Balloon payment on current REA construction loan will be due October 13, 2018 (March 3rd Committee Meeting cancelled. It will be reset six months prior to due date of the loan).

IX. New Business

- Request for Leave of Absence from Chelsey Zimmerman

Every consideration will be given for a rehire if a position is open.

- Dedication of Reading Edge Cafeteria to Virginia Sharp

Ms. Stanley motioned that we dedicate the cafeteria to Ms. Sharp, and Mrs. Gravenmier seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote, Ms. Lowery, Ms. Carter, Mrs. Gravenmier, Mr. Kruhm, and Ms. Stanley voting approval.

X. Public Participation

XI. Next meeting: March 21, 2017 at Samsula Academy
 Meeting Adjourned: 6:56 PM

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
A. Lowery, Chair	P	P	P	P		P	P				
M. Caldwell, V. Chair.			P	P		P	E				
D. Gravenmier, Sec.	P	E	P	P		P	P				
M. Stanley, Treas.	P	P	P	E		P	P				
J. Kruhm	P	P	P	E		P	P				
P. Comardo, Principal	P	P	P	P		P	E				
D. Comardo, Staff	P	P	P	E		P	E				
K. Burr, <i>Finance Dir.</i>			Res								
D. Smoak, <i>AP-REA</i>	P	P	P	P		P	P				
V. Foster, <i>AP-Samsula</i>	P	P	P	E		P	P				
Lee Ann Carter	P	P	P	P		P	P				

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