

MINUTES
Governing Board Reading Edge Academy, Inc.
 August 16, 2016 – Reading Edge Academy, Debary

Governing Board Members Roll Call: 6:10 PM

Staff Members Roll Call:

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Introduction of Members

III. Financial Report

- Ms. Stanley produced the Reading Edge Academy and Samsula Academy financial report for 2015-2016. An audit report will be ready by September 2016.

IV. Approval of Previous Minutes— June 21, 2016

- Ms. Carter motioned to approve minutes for the June meeting, and Ms. Stanley seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6-0 vote, Mr. Caldwell, Ms. Stanley, Mr. Kruhm, Ms. Lowery, Ms. Carter and Mrs. Gravenmier voting approval.

V. Public Participation

- Jennifer Luznar was present for the meeting.

VI. Assistant Principal's Reports

Vickie Foster, Assistant Principal, Samsula Academy reported:

8-9 Teachers reported to their school and began preparing the classrooms. They had the entire day in which to work. It was appreciated.

8 -10 Cadre members went to the district meetings and then had time to work at school. All other teachers had the entire day in which to work in their rooms.

8-11 Beginning of the year kick off at REA. Both schools attended and had their badge pictures taken. A delicious breakfast was catered for the staff. The hand faculty handbook and procedures were discussed.

8-12 Meet your teacher day...Everything went smoothly. Had a faculty meeting at noon to follow Volusia School District guidelines for the necessary information where all the security items were reviewed, videos shown, and staff was able to sign off.

8-15 Very smooth opening. 235 students showed up the first day. Fortunately, there were no problems with staff, faculty, students, or parents.

8-15 Furniture for new classroom arrived and has been assembled.

8-16 Enrollment is at 237.

Ms. Debbie Smoak, Assistant Principal, Reading Edge Academy reported

- We are proud to announce that REA logged over 5000 volunteer hours this past year. We know that we had more than that because some people stopped logging their hours after they earned 100 hours.
- On July 12 & 13 Administration attended MyPGS training (evaluation)
- On July 25th our Reading Edge Academy charter was officially renewed our numbers increasing to 400 students.
- Teachers came back on August 9th, ready to go. We have four new faces at REA-Janisda Padilla teaching 1st grade, Renti Hamilton teaching 2nd grade (she was a former substitute for us), Jonna White and Daphney Marc both teaching 3rd grade. We have a new kindergarten teacher, Daovy Walton, who was our paraprofessional last year. We also have Jenna Kline as a new paraprofessional in kindergarten. We also have a new café worker, Alyda Hopp and two new Extended Day workers, Kayla Sargent is our main lead and Kathleen Young is a worker. Our staff is complete with Jason LaCertosa, ESE Specialist and Rhonda Lochiatto, TOA (Teacher on Assignment) Academic Coach, Technical Support, and ESOL).
- On August 11th we had a joint meeting with Samsula and REA, hosted by the Reading Edge Academy staff. During this meeting Tim Skinner was here to do the Staff IDs and we had breakfast catered by Sweet Thumbs (Debbie Smoak). I think everyone enjoyed the food. During the meeting, Mrs. Comardo explained the contract changes and asked that everyone be aware of 'Block our Dates'.
- On Friday, August 12th, we had a staggered "Meet the Teacher" (due to parking concerns) and was pleased to hear families say this was the best one yet and that it was very organized and well thought out.
- School began on August 15th with 326 students in attendance. We had plenty of support through the PTA and volunteers helping with traffic and the day went smooth.
- Beginning on August 22nd we begin our Curriculum Nights beginning at 6:30 PM
 - Monday, Aug. 22nd Kindergarten
 - Tuesday, Aug. 23rd Fifth grade
 - Wednesday, Aug. 24th Fourth grade
 - Thursday, Aug. 25th Second grade
 - Monday, Aug. 29th 1st grade
 - Tuesday, Aug. 30th 3rd grade
- We are scheduling our PD (Professional Development) so that our teachers and staff have the necessary training for this year, and we will keep the board informed of all those opportunities.

VII. Principal's Message

Ms. Comardo reported the following:

- She is appreciative of Ms. Smoak and Ms. Foster in the fantastic work they do running the schools and taking the initiative to lead the schools.
- A long-term substitute is working at Samsula Academy for Physical Education.

D. Comardo, Staff	P										
K. Burr, Finance Dir.	E										
D. Smoak, AP-REA	P										
V. Foster, AP-Samsula	P										
Lee Anne Carter	P										

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