

MINUTES
Governing Board Reading Edge Academy, Inc.
January 17, 2017 – Samsula Academy

Meeting called to order: 6:00 PM

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	P
Member: Jerry Kruhm	P		
Member: Lee Anne Carter	P		

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Introduction of Members

III. Financial Report

- Reading Edge Academy – Year-to-Date through 11/30/2016 - \$135,000.00 Net Income
- Samsula Academy – Year-to-Date through 11/30/2016 - \$78,000.00 Net Income

IV. Approval of Previous Minutes— November 15, 2016 Ms. Carter motioned that we approve the minutes, and Mr. Kruhm seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote, Mr. Caldwell, Ms. Lowery, Ms. Carter, Mrs. Gravenmier, Mr. Kruhm, and Ms. Stanley voting approval.

V. Public Participation

- Anthony Mandese, Music Teacher, Reading Edge Academy

VI. Assistant Principals Reports

Debbie Smoak, Assistant Principal, Reading Edge Academy

- Santa Shop – Nov. 28th – Dec. 2nd We hosted a Santa Shop for the students, a Family Night on Thursday, Dec. 1st from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Students had an opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa Claus. Parents received a copy of the picture (5x7) for \$5.00.
- Class Pictures – Tuesday, Dec. 6th – all 17 classes were taken in addition to school clubs; Safety Patrol, Art show participant and chorus.
- PTA – hosted a catered luncheon for the staff as a Christmas present on Friday, Dec. 16th from our business partner Goodfellow’s Italian Restaurant (next door) which was enjoyed by all.

- Christmas Program – Monday, Dec. 19th at 6 p.m. at the River City Community Church on Highbanks Rd. in Debary. Mr. Mandese did an excellent job of including all grade levels and featured the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Chorus. Parents truly enjoyed the program.
- Staff Development – Wed. Dec. 21 with both schools at REA. We took the opportunity for team building activities between the two schools. It was a Duty day for faculty, but we invited all staff to attend. Mrs. Comardo prepared two activities for the participants and it was enjoyed by all. After the PD the entire group transitioned to Fugiyama Japanese Steakhouse for lunch. Then all began a well-deserved Christmas Break.
- On Tues., Jan 3rd our faculties met together at REA for a Digital Workshop on multiple programs that are available to our teachers. Mrs. Mel Amos and Mrs. Rhonda Lochiatto were the facilitators and taught about “Canvas” and “TIMS”.(Technology Integration Matrix System). This PD was successful as all teachers from both schools came on their own time and worked together as a team.
- Wed. Jan. 4th school ‘officially’ began again for the 2017 year. Teacher returned to complete their Roster Verification for the state. The office and administration are preparing for our Security Audit which is occurring this month. Instructional Coaches are being trained for the ACCESS testing (ESOL) and the FSA (3rd, 4th, and 5th grade) Infrastructure trial that will also occur this month.
- Tues., Jan. 23rd – Ben Franklin will visit REA and have a presentation for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students at 9:30 a.m.

Vickie Foster, Assistant Principal, Samsula Academy

- 11-18 to 12-16, Angel Tree, 20 students were on our Tree and all were selected. Many gifts for each student were received. We want to thank Everglades Boats for donating approximately one hundred toys to help with our Angel Tree. Many children had a merrier Christmas due to the kindness of those who donated to the Angel tree.
- 11-28 to 12-2, Santa Shop was a successful event for all.
- 12-3 Our Samsula Spirit Squad marched in the New Smyrna Christmas Parade. They did an amazing job.
- 12-8, Class Pictures were taken in the media center
- 12-16, Samsula Holiday Program, Ms. Zimmerman and the students worked very hard on this production and it was wonderful. The program was also performed for the students as a dress rehearsal during the day.
- 12-21, Both schools celebrated the holidays with a joint Christmas party at Reading Edge Academy. The morning had team building exercises and an ornament exchange followed by a luncheon at Fujiyama’s. It was a great time for all.

- 1-11, Progress Reports were completed and sent home.
- Student Enrollment is 238
- 1-27 to 3-9, FSA after school tutoring by invitation only on Wednesdays. Reinforcing English and Math skills and strategies for the upcoming assessment.

VII. Principal's Message

- Both schools are functioning well. Congratulations to both assistant principals for doing such a wonderful job.
- Kim Bonfield is doing an outstanding job and was recognized by the bank and our leader, Arlene Lowery, for her outstanding contributions to the finance operations and her new position.

VIII. Old Business

- Installation of water lines in front of Samsula Academy – Mr. Kruhm suggested that a letter from water company be attached to the proposal.
- Mr. Comardo reported that iron in the water needs addressing. Mr. Kruhm suggested a water study be conducted to ascertain the expenses that will be involved.
- Balloon payment on current REA construction loan will be due in 2018.
- A committee was formed made up of Ms. Stanley, Mr. Kruhm, and Ms. Lowery to address the new loan needed.

IX. New Business

- Honorable Mention of Kim Bonfield for her dedication and service in her new position as Bookkeeper.
- Presentation by Anthony Mandeses, REA Music Teacher – Attended a conference that included break-out sessions that would benefit students to gain the necessary skills and strategies while enjoying learning through music. We have four students attending the All-Chorus Competition on February 4, 2017.
- Discount Cards Fund Raiser – Only brought in \$2,500.00, but paid \$5,000.00 for the fundraiser.
- Use of A-Z Learning Buses for field trips – Joe Corneck,
- Summer Camp at Samsula – A-Z Learning with Joe Corneck
- New purchase of computers for each school – 100 laptops for both schools and Mr. Comardo had to get them ready along with Ms. Lochiatto helping download software.
- Purchase of additional curriculum for 3rd grade—Samsula Elementary School to assist and support ESE population.
- Tutoring at both schools
- Upcoming FSA testing at both schools
- School Bucks, a new system we are going to use for parents to pay on-line and use credit or debit cards for various payments: ESD, Lunch, and Uniforms.
- The our new payroll company is helping to streamline bookkeeping and offers additional services.
- Separation from Prime Pay – Paylocity, new company, which will be saving us monthly.

X. Public Participation

- XI. Next meeting: February 21, 2017 at Reading Edge Academy
 Meeting Adjourned: 7:00 PM