

MINUTES
Governing Board Reading Edge Academy, Inc.
January 19, 2021 Reading Edge Academy

Governing Board Members Roll Call:

Staff Members Roll Call:

Mike Caldwell	Chair	P	Peggy Comardo	Principal	P
Vickie Foster	V Chair	P	Don Comardo	Facilities	Ex
Arlene Lowery	Secretary	P	Debbie Smoak	AP REA	P
Marianne Stanley	Treasurer by Phone	P	Maryann Roberts	AP Samsula	P
Sandy Kent	Member	P			

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at Reading Edge Academy by Mr. Mike Caldwell, Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and roll call was taken. Ms. Marianne Stanley, Treasurer attended by phone and Mr. Don Comardo, Facilities was excused.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The November 2020 financial report was presented by Mrs. Stanley. A motion was made to accept the report by Mrs. Foster and seconded by Mrs. Lowery. The motion carried 5 – 0 with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Kent approving the November financial report.

The December 2020 financial report was presented by Mrs. Stanley. A motion was made to accept the report by Mrs. Kent and seconded by Mrs. Foster. The motion carried 5 – 0 with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Kent approving the December financial report.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The November 2020 minutes written by Arlene Lowery were presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Foster to accept the minutes, and seconded by Mrs. Stanley. The motion carried 5 – 0 with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Kent approving the motion.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORTS

Reading Edge Academy by Ms. Debbie Smoak

Monday, Nov. 30th School Resumes after Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd - Completed Data Sharing Consent for GEERS money for the state of Florida and Volusia District for both schools. Early Release for month of December, 2020

Thursday, Dec. 3rd - Conducted grade level meetings with Mrs. Ginzl for Kindergarten, Second and Third grade – one hour each

Friday, Dec. 4th - Conducted grade level meetings with Mrs. Ginzl for First, Fourth and Fifth grade – one hour each. Students had Holiday Shop walk through to prepare for purchasing on Monday.

Monday – Friday, Dec 7th – 11th - Holiday Shop was open for business.

Conducted the required Code Red and followed by Active Assailant (Code Red 2)

Wednesday, Dec. 9th - Team meeting with Special Area, ESE, Speech, Guardian, and Café to discuss holiday special activities

Family Night at the Holiday Shop from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 10th - Secret Santa Reveal with the staff after school

Friday, Dec. 11th - Submitted CARES ACT Assurances to the District who would then release it to the State of Florida

Monday, Dec. 14th - Holiday Christmas Program “Christmas Under the Stars” students sang with families sitting in lawn chairs, picnic tables, or on blankets on the ground. We had a great turnout.

Wednesday, Dec. 16th - Administration hosted a pancake breakfast for the staff at 7 a.m. Staff Christmas Celebration at Debary Golf and Country Club at 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 18th - Fire Drill in the morning. Students and staff celebrated the holidays with holiday attire, shirt, color and bedazzled themselves. Kindergarten wore their pj’s, enjoyed hot chocolate while watching Polar Express. Final day of school for the year 2020!

Tuesday, Dec. 29th - worked with Kim Bonfield at Reading Edge Academy to complete payroll so staff would be paid on time (Jan. 5, 2021)

Tuesday, Jan. 5th – School Resumes

Wednesday, Jan 6th - Administration meeting at Samsula at 8:30 a.m. Held Team meeting with Special Area, ESE, Speech and Guardian at 2 p.m. First Early Release of the 2021 year.

Thursday, Jan. 7th - Team meeting with Mrs. Ginzl, Kindergarten, Second and Third grade, one hour each

Friday, Jan. 8th - Team meeting with Mrs. Ginzl, First, Fourth, and Fifth, one hour each

Tuesday, Jan. 12th - Held assembly to introduce reward program from Jeremiah’s Italian Ice, our new business partner. Three sessions, 15 minutes each.

Wednesday, Jan. 13th - Spirit Day/Night - Fire and Ice - Tijuana Flats and Jeremiah’s Italian Ice offered 20% of purchases of those who say “Reading Edge Academy” all day. There was great participation from our families.

Monday, Jan. 18th - No School, celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr Day.

SAMSULA ACADEMY by Mrs. Maryann Roberts

Monday, November 30th- Friday December 4 – Santa Shop took place – very successful matching funds from last year.

Wednesday, December 2nd - We held our annual Christmas Ornament exchange. Teachers enjoyed stealing other teachers’ ornaments.

Thursday, December 3rd - Faculty Meeting –Focus on Safety as well as other upcoming events.

Friday December 11th – CARES Act Assurances as well as the Spring Plan were submitted to the district for submission to the state.

Wednesday - Friday December 16-18th – We held our annual Secret Santa gift exchange. The big reveal was held in the cafeteria. Teachers had a great deal of fun with it.

Friday, December, 18th – students were allowed to be bedazzled in holiday themed clothe. Celebrations were held in classrooms. K celebrated with a Grinchmas and Fist Grade had a Snowy Day theme. Fifth Grade used their math and Science skills to form Gingerbread house out of collected “junk.”

December 21st –January 4th - Holiday Break- classes resume on January 5th.

January 6th – Administrative meeting - All three administrators met to discuss the upcoming calendar and curriculum events.

January 7th – Fire Drill with alarm took place.

January 15th - Code Red and Code Red II Drills tool place.

January 18th - Student Holiday in remembrance of Martin Luther King Junior.

January 20th – Progress Report Comments are due to the Administration.

January 21st – Book Fair Materials are due to arrive. Set up will be Friday January 22nd.

January 22nd - Annual Health Screening for grade K, 1 and 3 will take place in the library.

January 25th – Professional Development Day – Student holiday.

January 26th –Book Fair begins until Friday, January 28th.

January 26th - Annual District Security Audit will take place for Samsula Academy.

January 27th – Progress Reports go home with students.

February 1st - School of Choice Week was moved to this week due to the book fair and security audit falling in the same week last week.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Mrs. Comardo reported that FTE Week is February 8th to 12th. The District will recalculate funding after this count of students. At present there are 171 students at Samsula Academy and Reading Edge Academy has 278 students. Reading Edge Academy already has a kindergarten waiting list started for next school year.

Student progress reports are due this Wednesday and will be distributed next week.

Mrs. Comardo thanked both her assistant principals, Debbie Smoak and Maryann Roberts for continually working hard and keeping up with all the extras this pandemic has brought upon us. She acknowledged that without their efforts she would not be able to keep up with everything required.

OLD BUSINESS

Samsula Water - Mrs. Comardo reported that a new hydrant has been installed for the sprinkling system.

Samsula Building Plans – Mrs. Comardo reported that the building plans were still on hold. There is a letter being drafted requesting a meeting with the District Superintendent to discuss a release in our contract in order for us to borrow against the property so construction can begin.

NEW BUSINESS

Race Week at Samsula Speedway is February 5th to 11th. This year the program sales are up. There are 16 new sponsors for ads, as well as the regular sponsors.

Charter Renewals are due this year. The District is working on getting the information out to the charter schools.

Next Meeting: February 16, 2021 Samsula Academy

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene Lowery, Secretary