

MINUTES
Governing Board Reading Edge Academy, Inc.
November 17, 2020 Samsula 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	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 Samsula Academy by Mr. Mike Caldwell, Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and roll call was taken. Mr. Don Comardo was excused.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The October 2020 minutes written by Arlene Lowery were presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Foster to accept the minutes, and seconded by Mrs. Kent. 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, October 19th – F.A.I.R. testing begins for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade as a base line for learning.

Tuesday, October 20th – Governing Board meeting at Reading Edge Academy, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 22nd – Volusia County Health Dept. inspection found a few things that needed to be fixed, said they would be back to ensure repairs were made in about three (3) weeks.

Team meetings with Kindergarten, 2nd and 3rd grades during their double planning.

Friday, October 23rd – Team meetings with 1st, 4th, and 5th grades during their double planning.

Wednesday, October 28th – School security meeting met to discuss the upcoming audit by the Volusia County Public Schools. Discussed the various possibilities and suggestions for relieving the traffic concerns in the afternoon pick up areas.

Friday, October 30th – Happy Halloween/Fall Celebration, students and staff wore holiday shirts

Tuesday, November 3rd – Duty Day – Staff breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Workshop included:

- Learning Ally – grant to supply additional computer support for the lower quartile student.
- Data Review – of our lower quartile
- FSA – discussion explaining the state expectation of a two (2) year growth for 5th grade
- VST and DPP breakdown – 35% VAM, 40% VST and DPP 25%
- Tutoring – Due to the loss of early release days, Wednesday will be a modified tutoring lesson in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades each week – focusing on lost skills and serious remediation for those struggling students.
- Lesson Plans – differentiation must be specific, not modifications or accommodations. It is what/how will you teach that skill different for those students who didn't comprehend that particular lesson. The lessons must still contain rigor and relevance.
- DRA's – should be done on those students who are struggling as well as all Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders.
- Remind teachers to pay attention of the scope and sequence of learning in preparing their lessons.
- ESE updates – including the new state changes and PST requirements
- Encouraged Staff to go VOTE at the end of the day.

Thursday, November 5th – Team meetings with kindergarten, 2nd, and 3rd grades

- Fire drill at 1p.m.

Friday, November 6th – District Security Inspection and Drill at 7:30 a.m. We received 63/63 on the inspection list. Perfect score thanks to Kim Bonfield, Jen Haner, Makenzie Haner, and Paula Ginzl. The drill called was a Code Red and then Active Assailant (Code Red 2)

Tuesday, November 10th – Yearbook pictures with Daytona Photography and Time Skinner

Wednesday, November 11th – No School due to Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November, 17th – Governing Board Meeting at Samsula at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18th – 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will participate in viewing the Florida Young People's Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra at 8:30 a.m. virtually

Thursday, November 18th – Distributed Thanksgiving baskets for our families in need. We had extra food left which was shared with the Jewish Federation Food Bank.

Monday, November 23rd – Friday, November 27th – Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 30th – School Resumes

Friday, December 4th – Student walk through the Santa Holiday Shop

Monday, December 7th – Friday, December 11th – Santa Holiday Shop open for business

Wednesday, December 16th – Angel gifts will be shared with the parents of our students in need

Friday, December 18th – last day of school for the year 2020!

Tuesday, January 5th – School resumes for 2020-2021 school year.

Enrollment for Reading Edge Academy is at 276 Students.

SAMSULA ACADEMY by Mrs. Maryann Roberts

Tuesday, October 20th - Security team meeting took place to review drills, evacuation plans and there was a discussion about areas for improvement. We have had three visits from the district security team. Mr. Bill has had weekly visits from guardian supervisors.

Friday, October 30th- Students wore black or orange shirts to celebrate Halloween

Tuesday, November 3rd- Professional Duty Day. Teacher met for School Improvement discussion, FSA testing updates, data collection and monitoring for Cares Grant Assurances, writing scoring with new rubrics and housekeeping faculty meeting.

Friday, November 6th – Santa letters were due in the office.

Monday November 9th-Basket brigade food collection began.

Friday, November 13th – Angel Tree went up. There are 17 children on the tree this year.

Wednesday, November 18th- Report Cards are going home with students.

Wednesday, November 18th – Baskets are being formed for the Basket Brigade. Baskets will be distributed on Thursday and Friday, November 19th and 20th

Thursday, November 19th- Annual Safety Faculty and Staff Safety Meeting will take place to discuss all drill procedures and new protocols (Active Assailant, Evacuation plans, LEO Bag, Maps). We did have the threat assessment meeting with teachers and staff, during pre-planning, on August 26th, 2020.

November 23rd – November 29th - Thanks Giving Break. Happy Turkey Day to all.

Monday November 30 - Friday, December 4th - Santa shop will take place for students to buy items for family and friends for the holidays.

Wednesday, December 2nd - Since this Wednesday is an allotted early release day, we having our annual Ornament exchange. Teachers will bring snack items.

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Monday, December 7th and Tuesday, December 8th- We will hold our Annual Holiday performance in the field. Grades K-2 families and friends are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets and gather in the back field for a night to remember. Grades 3-5 will perform on Tuesday. Rain date is Wednesday, December 9th.

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Monday –Wednesday December 14-16 – We will hold our annual Secret Santa gift exchange.

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

Enrollment at Samsula Academy is at 171 students.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Mrs. Comardo reported that Charter renewals are due for both schools. We are waiting for the district to give us further instruction about the requirements for completion.

Both schools have received funding from the Cares Act. Reading Edge qualified for \$ 47,000 and Samsula qualified for \$ 38,000. This was reimbursement for technology items such as i-pods and stations, sanitizer sprayers, and other such items.

Mrs. Comardo thanked her hardworking staff and teachers for all the extras they have been doing during this pandemic. She said she wouldn’t have been able to accomplish so much without all their efforts and was very grateful.

OLD BUSINESS

Samsula Water - Mrs. Comardo reported that the pumps for the hydrants are installed and work is being done to complete the installation of the “Drafting Hydrant” signs.

Samsula Building Plans – Mrs. Comardo reported that the building plans were still on hold.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business to report.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2021 Reading Edge Academy

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene Lowery, Secretary