

MINUTES
Governing Board Reading Edge Academy, Inc.
November 16, 2021 Samsula Academy 6:00 PM

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.

Mr. Caldwell welcomed James Halleran and Chris Noyes with James Moore, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants.

AUDITOR’S REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

Mr. James Halleran, CPA, presented the June 30, 2020 audit reports that were conducted by Mr. Kevin Holbert with James Moore and Kim Bonfield, Reading Edge Academy, Inc. for both Reading Edge Academy and Samsula Academy.

A motion was made to accept the Reading Edge Academy June 30, 2020 audit report by Mrs. Lowery and seconded by Mrs. Stanley. The motion carried 5 – 0 with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Kent voting approval.

A motion was made to accept the Samsula Academy June 30, 2020 Audit by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Foster. The motion carried 5 – 0 with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Kent voting approval.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports were presented by Mrs. Marianne Stanley for August and September 2020 for both schools.

A motion was made to accept the Reading Edge Academy August financial 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 voting approval.

A motion was made to accept the Samsula Academy August financial report by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Lowery. The motion carried 5 – 0 with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Kent voting approval.

A motion was made to accept the Reading Edge Academy September financial report by Mrs. Foster and seconded by Mrs. Kent. The motion carried 5 – 0 with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Kent voting approval.

A motion was made to accept the Samsula Academy September financial report by Mrs. Foster and seconded by Mrs. Kent. The motion carried 5 – 0 with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Kent voting approval.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The September 2021 minutes written by Ms. Smoak for Mrs. Lowery were presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Stanley to accept the minutes, and seconded by Mrs. Foster. The motion carried 5– 0 with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Kent approving the motion.

ASISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORTS

Reading Edge Academy by Ms. Debbie Smoak

October, 22, 2021 We now have five (5) teachers trained in NCI (Nonviolent Crisis Intervention) for those students who have serious discipline issues and need additional support.

October 29, 2021 I participated in a webinar to understand the ESSER III funding authorized by the state of Florida. There was another training on November 1st, from the state specifically for charter schools. This funding had to be completed and submitted to the district by Friday, November 5th at 5:00 p.m. REA did meet that goal, and the district did ask for a clarification which was quickly supplied. The grant was sent to all the board members for review and to ask any questions.

November 8, 2021 REA began a fund raiser of Cookie Dough which will end on Wednesday, November 17th so that the cookie dough will be arriving on campus prior to the Christmas Break.

November 9, 2021 Kindergarten took their first field trip to the Central Florida Zoo.

November 12, 2021 Math curriculum samples arrived for our preview of the two choices that were for Elementary schools per the district.

November 16, 2021 Administration had a meeting to discuss the upcoming BPIE (Best Practices for Inclusive Education Assessment) that will be due after the first of the year. This is required every three (3) years.

November 18, 2021 REA is having a Fire and Ice night at Tijuana Flats and Jeramiah’s Italian Ice. They are a business partner and are giving 20% back to the school.

November 19, 2021 REA has been invited to Wise Guys Bar and Grill (next to Goodfellows) for a “Happy Hour” after school.

December 2, 2021 REA has Class Pictures scheduled

December 3, 2021 REA has the Holiday Shoppe Walk Through for students

December 6 – 10, 2021 Sales begin with Family night on Wednesday, Dec. 8th from 5 -7 p.m.

December 14, 2021 REA’s Christmas Under The Stars is begins at 6 p.m.

December 16, 2021 REA's last day for students prior to the Christmas Break

December 17, 2021 REA's Faculty and Staff's last day prior to the Christmas Break

January 4, 2022 School Resumes

Reading Edge Academy's enrollment is currently 311.

SAMSULA ACADEMY by Ms. Maryann Roberts

Friday, October 29th – The Story Book Parade Returned! Grade K-2 participated in the parade around school grounds. Classes were presented as the teacher announced the books read in their class. Grades 3-5 were cheering the children as they paraded around the school.

Monday, November 1st - The Boy Scouts came to encourage students to join scouting.

Tuesday, November 2nd – Boy Scout meeting took place in the Café at 6:30 pm. About 10 students and their parents came to sign up for Boy Scouts.

Wednesday, November 3rd. Running club and Sports Sprit Squad met for the first time since 2020. There was a great student turn out for both.

November 5th ESSER III grant information was submitted to VCS.

Tuesday, November 9th – Southeast VCS TAT (Threat Assessment Team) meeting took place. A review of the safety issues at southeast VCS was discussed. Samsula Academy did not have any threats or referrals to report.

Wednesday, November 10th - ASPECTS Training took place. This is the final requirement for teachers in accordance of the DOJ settlement with VCS.

Wednesday November 10th – Cengage and Houghton - Mifflin Math materials arrived at the school. Our new Math Cadre monthly meeting is on 11/17. The focus will be on FSA worthy problems of the day and reviewing the new materials. VCS will choose one of these series for adoption during the 2022-2023 school year.

Thursday November 11th – **School was closed in honor of Veteran's Day.** There were multiple school activities to honor our Veteran's. Mr. Bill was honored with thank you cards and well wishes.

Friday, November 12th - Samsula Academy's Angel tree went up. There are 26 Angels with wishes on the tree this year.

Wednesday, November 17th - Basket Brigade ended, goods were collected and baskets were assembled for our school families in need.

Thursday, November 18th – Progress Report comments are due to the administration.

Friday, November 19th - Set up for the Wonderland Gift School will take place. Students will shop for gifts for family and friends when we return from Thanksgiving break.

Monday- Friday - November 22nd -26th - Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 29th - Friday, December 3rd - Santa Shop for students

Wednesday December 8th – Class Pictures

Thursday/Friday, December 10th – Holiday performances- “A Christmas Miracle” Students will sing Christmas songs under the stars. A grand finale will take place at the end of each performance.

Friday, December 10th - VC Health Department will begin a three day free dental clinic for our students in grades k-5.

Thursday, November 16th – **Last** day for students prior to holidays

Friday, December 17th - Last Day for teachers before the holiday break

***To Date I have completed 7 teacher observations and will see most classroom teachers before the Christmas Break. Special area teachers will be observed in January. Walk through observations and the second observation for a new teacher will take place in February.

Samsula Academy’s enrollment is currently 182.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Mrs. Comardo thanked her assistant principals, Debbie Smoak and Maryann Roberts for all their hard work on the ESSER III reports. She also acknowledged Marianne Stanley and Kim Bonfield for their extra efforts on the TSIA reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Covid Relief Checks

Mrs. Comardo reported that the covid relief checks were distributed for the staff members that were passed over by the State.

ESSER III Funding

It was reported that the ESSER III reports were submitted to the District on November 5th and since more funds were available, the amounts were upgraded and resubmitted on November 8th.

NEW BUSINESS

Capitalization Threshold

In order to agree with federal grants and the State of Florida on financial statements for capital outlay, the Board voted to increase the amounts from \$ 750 to \$ 5,000. Mrs. Foster made this a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lowery. The motion carried 5 – 0 with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Kent voting approval.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None

NEXT MEETING: January 18, 2021 at Reading Edge Academy

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.