

MINUTES
Governing Board Reading Edge Academy, Inc.
October 18, 2016 – Samsula Academy

Meeting called to order: 6:00 PM

Governing Board Members Roll Call:

Staff Members Roll Call:

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| 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 | | |
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- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Introduction of Members
- III. Financial Report
- IV. Approval of Previous Minutes— September 20, 2016 (Thank you, Lee Anne Carter). Ms. Caldwell moved to approve the minutes of the September minutes and Mr. Kruhm seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Kruhm, Ms. Lowery, Ms. Stanley, Ms. Carter, and Mrs. Gravenmier voting approval.
- V. Public Participation
- VI. Assistant Principals Reports

Reported from Vickie Foster, Assistant Principal, Samsula Academy

- Thursday, September 22nd, we had the Energy Show, ‘Captain Wattage’, for the entire school. We presented two assemblies and the students were very engaged with the actors. The actors were from the Children’s Theatre Group.
- Our 2nd grade took the NNAT2 gifted screening test. We have 3 students who qualified and whose parents are being notified regarding the results to the test and the next step for these students.
- Wednesday, October 5th, Volusia County Public Schools made the decision to close schools due to the threat of Hurricane Matthew. That afternoon the entire staff helped to ready the school for a possible direct storm hit. All staff is to be commended for taking the effort and time to get our facility ready and safe. Due to the damage done, the district continued the school closings through Tuesday, October 11th. School resumed on Wednesday, October 12th. The district has set Friday, October 21st as a make-up day (originally it was scheduled as a teacher duty day).
- Tuesday, October 11th, Mrs. Comardo called an admin meeting with Mrs. Foster and Ms. Smoak to discuss how we would address the closings, changes that needed to occur in the calendar, and any damage the schools had.

- Wednesday, October 12th, we hosted a “Kevin Burr” day to recognized his dedication and help to our schools. Mr. Burr has resigned. We wish him well.
- Monday, October 17th, we had our School Store kickoff rally. Mrs. DeeDee Grau was dressed in colorful overalls and wig to help the students get pumped up for fundraiser and possible prizes.
- We will have our Fall Festival on Saturday, October 29th, from 11-4. This is a rescheduled event due to Hurricane Matthew.

Reported from Debbie Smoak, Assistant Principal, Reading Edge Academy:

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- Our Book Fair was the week of September 26 -30, 2016. It was a huge success with over \$6600 in sales. The ‘on line’ sales continued through Friday, October 7th. We did have two family nights (Monday and Thursday) with a great turn out. Thursday was our General PTA meeting along with the Family Night.
- Our 2nd grade took the NNAT2 test for gifted possibilities. We did have 4 students who qualified and are scheduling staffing for them. We are encouraging the families to allow them to remain with us and have enriched instruction in their grade level.
- Wednesday, September 28th, was National Dad’s Day – Bring your student to school. We have many fathers who already bring their student, but we did have a great representation that day especially.
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- We will begin our Fall fund raiser on Wednesday, October 19th. We will be selling our discount cards for \$10 a card to be used for a year with our community supporters.

VII. Principal’s Message

- Six Fundraiser Cards were sold to Governing Board members by Mrs. Comardo
- Lost two well pumps \$7,000.00 for both. They were struck by lightening. Some roof damage in building 2 and cafeteria. All freezer food was lost at both schools (everything had to be thrown out). Lost the ridge caps at Reading Edge Academy.

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