

Ridgewood High School Home And School Association

April 17, 2007 Meeting

Call to Order – Beth Jorgensen welcomed members and guests, including GW principal, Katie Kashmanian, RHS History teacher Tim Monahan, and students who will be making presentation.

Secretary's Report – The minutes from the March 20 meeting were reviewed, and a motion was made and passed approving them.

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was presented by Beth Jorgensen.

Guidance Report – Peg Loonam reported that the College Speaker Series continues on Thursday evening, April 19, with Mr. Chuck Bachman, the Senior Director of Admissions of Lafayette College, as the speaker. Mr. Bachman is donating his fee back to the Guidance Department at RHS.

AP Exams will be given at RHS from May 7 through May 18. To get AP credit for an AP class, students must take the AP exam for that class.

The College Night hosted by RHS was successful and well attended, as was the Financial Aid meeting held for junior parents. The Guidance Department is considering speakers for the fall college speaker series, which is sponsored by the Ridgewood Education Foundation.

Presentation – Tim Monahan, freshman History teacher at RHS, presented four freshman students who won the Helen R. Burchell World History Seminara Scholars competition at Ramapo College. The students, Hannah Jones, Tess Thomas, Joseph Giancristofaro and John Sandler, competed in the final round of the competition against upper class AP students. At our meeting, the students discussed their project, "The Chernobyl Meltdown", and presented the film they made to go along with the project.

Principal's Report – Jack Lorenz invited everyone to attend the upcoming band concert, on April 18, 2007. He also announced that RHS Latin students did very well on the recent National Latin Exam.

On April 24, there will be a meeting at RHS Campus Center to discuss underage drinking in Ridgewood. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Regarding the tragic incident at Virginia Tech, the principal discussed the fact that the professionals at RHS really try to recognize and help students who seem to be at high risk.

Vice-President's Report – Deborah Edghill announced that if anyone had a flood-related crises following the recent flooding, the RHS HSA is willing to help.

President's Report – Beth Jorgensen reported on the Village Safety Meeting she attended. The meeting was conducted by Betty Weist.

Senior Representatives – On May 8, there will be a senior parents meeting.

Junior Representatives – The Kick-Off Party held for Project Graduation 2008 was very successful. The Panico Cut-Athon will be held on Tuesday, April 24.

Webmaster – Beth Jorgensen acknowledged the excellent job Joanne Stolfo has done as webmaster.

Faculty Representative – Donna Antonellis reported that the Legacy Program, which allows individuals to purchase books for the RHS library, has been very successful.

Nominating Committee - The proposed slate for the 2007--2008 HSA is:

President – Francis Ekblom
Vice-President – Elizabeth Resnick
Secretary – Hilary Jones
Treasurer - Wendy Wong

Webmaster – Sara Erwin will coordinate the web newsletter next year.

Curriculum Communication Committee – Eileen Haynes reported that on May 3 the committee will meet to review the social studies curriculum.

New Business – Beth Jorgensen made suggestions for next year. First, she recommended that the HS A work on voter apathy and encourage voter registration. Second, she recommended the HS A establish a development committee. The class representatives, instead of being in charge of raising money for the class, should be in charge of communications to class. The schoolwide development committee should be in charge of raising money and determining for what it should be used .

Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Attendance List for 4/17/07 Meeting

Joanne Delaney
Michele Lenhard
Hilary Jones
Debbie Castello
Marge Geraghty

Elizabeth Resnick
Eileen Haynes
Wendy Wong
Sally Ann Felsenstein
Carol Rapaport
Dixie Taylor
Tracy Autera
Laurie Goodman
Jaime Frederick
Jack Lorenz
Peg Loonam
Deborah Edghill
Vickie Hamilton
Beth Jorgensen
Katie Kashmanian
Liz Gordon
Donna Antonellis
Tim Monahan