

Ridgewood High School Home and School Association Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2014

In Attendance: Carol Olson, Kim Lucky, Lori Weil, Pam Ricatto, Tara Callaghan, Tom Gorman, Jeff Nyhuis, Sheila Brogan, Catherine Venturini Izabella Sandoval, Amy Bachman, Kathy Marshall, Hannah Fogg, Keri hwang, Jennifer Hamlet, Maureen Burke, Lynn Knight, Kim Reis, Mercedes Vidal, Terry Anzano

Welcome and Approval of Minutes: Carol Olson called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm and welcomed all attendees. The minutes from the March 11, 2014 were submitted and approved.

Student Report: Izabella Sandoval reported that the student government is working on the Spring Fling event for the Senior citizens that will be on April 28. She also reported that student government elections would be held this month.

Principal's Report: Tom reported that the fashion show was a huge success. There were approx. 164 models and 606---seated guests. Tom thanked everyone involved with the show.

Tom reported that the Alumni Association is being finalized. Board members of the association will be RHS graduates. General membership will be open to parents of RHS students.

Special Presentation: Ryan Kenny, IT Manger, gave a presentation and answered questions about our 1:1 Google Chrome book initiative. The presentation can be found at http://management-information-systems.ridgewood.schoolfusion.us/modules/locker/files/get_group_file.phtml?gid=945250&fid=25217915&sessionId=d913d72b52f9ce6bfc3e09dad22b029b.

Assistant Principal: Jeff Nyhuis reported that Laura Moore and Peter Burkard would discuss their college visits at the May HSA meeting. Jeff discussed his visit to ASU. He was very impressed with the school. The college speaker series is April 24. Representatives from Notre Dame, American University, University of South Carolina, and Ramapo College are attending the series. We are piloting the ACT online at RHS this April. 40 kids are taking the test on-line. Jeff gave the "self-reported" college acceptance update. There were 3308 transcript requests this year. Up from 3076 transcript requests last year. There were 797 teacher recommendations. 195 kids applied Early Decision. 41 kids accepted Early Decision. 5 kids accepted to Ivy League schools. This is not an accurate/final report.

Faculty Report: The faculty requested that parents should encourage their children to follow up on any missing assignment if they are away for the April break.

Board of Education Report: The formal hearing for next year's school budget is April 28. The budget includes a 1.9% tax increase over last year. The tax impact on an average home in Ridgewood is a \$172 increase over last year.

Sheila reported that the 2014/2015 calendar was approved. The Board will collect feedback next year.

The Board is interested in two proposed bills. The first is a bill that would require high performing districts (80-100% QSAC) to be reviewed every 7 years instead of every 3 years. The second is a bill that would eliminate the superintendent salary cap.

April 29 at RHS is the community wellness town hall meeting with Tim Silvestri.

Executive Board Updates

A) Presidents Report:

Carol reported that the questions and answers from last month's HSA meeting will be sent via the enews and posted on the RHS website.

Lynn Knight is the Nominating Chair. She is working on the slate. If you are interested in a position on the HSA board please contact her.

Carol reported that Teacher appreciation week is the week of May 5. Please sign up to help.

Carol reported that Randy Levine is scheduled to come to the May 13 HSA meeting to discuss college essay writing. Students are encouraged to attend.

B) Vice President:

Kim reported that the senior fashion show was a huge success. There were 164 models and over 600 attendees.

PG 2014 is having a shopping day and night in down town Ridgewood today.

PG 2014 construction and design have started. They are using a lot of old material and plan on having the "Greenest" PG to date.

PG 2014 parent social is scheduled for May 9

C) Treasurer:

Pam Ricatto distributed the financials.

Pam reported she renewed our games of chance license.

D) Secretary:

Nothing to report

E) Communications:

Nothing to report

F) Development:

Lori reported that they are in the final design stages for the donor wall. Donations for the donor wall will be accepted up until April 30.

Lori reported that they are working on a technology list for the learning commons.

In April, we are doing a letter campaign for the general needs of the school.

Committee Liaison Reports:**Class Reports****2014 –Project Graduation**

See VP report

2015- Jr. Class

Sharon reported that the junior class needs another representative. She is also looking for a chair for PG 2015 and a few other chair positions.

Sharon reported that there is a parent coffee April 22 PM time.

Sharon reported they are organizing a parent social for this fall.

2016- Soph. Class

Kathy reported that the sophomore class is selling flip-flops and slides.

Kathy reported that the sophomore class parent social is May 2.

2017 – Frosh. Class

The Frosh. Class is planning a social Friday, May 16. (Save the date has gone out)

Other Business:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Next HSA meeting will be held on May 13, 7:30 PM, RHS Library or Campus Center.

Respectively submitted by Kelly Gioia.

