

**Ridgewood High School
Home and School Association
Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2014**

In Attendance: Present: Carol Olson, Lori Weil, Kelly Gioia, Pam Riccato, Tara Callaghan, Kim Lucky, Tom Gorman, Basil Pizzuto, Jeff Nyhuis, Barbara Crowe, Linda Weisberger, Julie Vitting, Pat Noeth, Richard Goodman, Pat Inlander, Shashi Pathman, Jan Gaidimas, Mitra Basy, Terri McKenna, Maureen Burke, Bonnie Cornell, Catherine Chriss, Kathy Marshall, Kim Reis, Kim Lucky, Jennifer Hamlet, Annette Testa, Laurie Jordan

Welcome and Approval of Minutes: Carol Olson called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm and welcomed all attendees. The minutes from the May 13, 2014 were submitted and approved.

Student Report: Nothing to report

Special Presentation #1: A student panel of members of the Class of 2013 answered questions about their freshman year at college. Jeff Nyhuis asked the questions.

Special Presentation #2: Peter Burkard and Laura Moore (RHS guidance counselors) thanked the HSA for funding their college visit trips. Peter visited schools in California. Some of the schools he visited included UCLA, USC, Pepperdine, UCSB. Laura Moore visited schools in Georgia. She mentioned that more students are going south for their college experience. She visited Emory, Georgia Tech, SCAD Atlanta and Oglethorpe University.

Special Presentation #2: Ryan Keeny, IT Manager, gave a presentation and answered questions about our 1:1 Google Chrome book initiative. He reported that 14 teachers district wide are tech coaches. He mentioned that 30 teachers attended a 2-day Google summit in March. Over 120 teachers are planning on attending a Google summit on July 15.

Principal's Report: Tom Gorman thanked Carol Olson and the 2013/2014 board for their service.

Tom reported that the graduation is next Tuesday night.

Tom thanked The Foundation for supporting the Google Chrome book initiative. Thanks to The Foundation, all students in grade 9 through 12 will receive Google Chrome books.

Assistant Principal: Basil Pizzuto thanked the HSA for a great year.

Basil reported that the prom was awesome. He said we are going to have to find a new place for the prom next year. The Harborside JC is being renovated and will not be available. Next year the prom will be the Friday after Memorial Day.

Assistant Principal: Jeff Nyhuis thanked the HSA for a great year.

Jeff reviewed the 2014 senior class survey result. Results were emailed. Detailed information can be found on Naviance. Some highlights include:

91.4% of students are attending a 4-year college

5% of students are attending a 2-year college

1.2% chose to do a 5th year of HS

Over 3,300 transcripts were sent out

The average number of schools an individual student applied to was 10/11

Faculty Report: Ruth Parks thanked the HSA for their support this year.

Board of Education Report: Nothing to report

Executive Board Updates

A) Presidents Report:

Carol Olson thanked the administration and the 2013/2014 executive board for a great year.

Carol also thanked the following people/groups:

Student Reps

Sharon Walker

The Korean parents association

The Class reps

PG 2014

B) Vice President:

Kim thanked Carol and the HSA board.

C) Treasurer:

Pam Ricatto distributed the financials.

Pam reported that the HSA spent less money this year than last year.

Pam reported that the taxes/audit fee was paid.

D) Secretary:

Nothing to report

E) Communications:

Nothing to report

F) Development:

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

Lori reported that we received over \$11,000 to date from our fundraising campaign for the general needs of the school.

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

Kim Lucky reported that work would begin tomorrow at BF.

Kim reported that this would be the first class to register for the Alumni Association.

2015- Jr. Class

Barbara Crowe reported that Rosie McCoe is the PG2015 Chair.

2016- Soph. Class

Kathy Marshall reported that the sophomore class sold 105 flip-flops and slides and made \$1,000.

Kathy reported that they are looking for someone to replace her for 2016 rep.

2017 – Frosh. Class

Lynn Granski had nothing to report.

Nominating Committee:

Lori Weil presented the slate for the HSA Executive Board for the 2014/2015 school year.

President: Jennifer Hamlet

1st Vice President: Dr. Gorman

2nd Vice President: Joan Gaidimas

Treasurer: Kelly Gioia

Secretary: Annette Testa

Communications: Kim Lucky

Development: Laurie Jordan

A vote was taken and the slate accepted.

Introduction of Jennifer Hamlet as the new President by Lori Weil: Jennifer thanked the Nominating committee and the new board.

Other Business:

Save the date -September 27th Oktoberfest at the Hermitage – The Foundation

Respectively submitted by Kelly Gioia.