

**Ridgewood High School  
Home and School Association  
Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2014**

**In Attendance:** Carol Olson, Kim Lucky, Lori Weil, Pam Ricatto, Tara Callaghan, Tom Gorman, Basil Pizzuto, Jeff Nyhuis, Ruth Parks, Annette Testa, Elizabeth Jastvzebska, Kate Mancini, Richard Goodman, Pat Noeth, Laura Miller, Lynn Granski, Joan Gaidimas, Shashi Pathman, Mary Casale, Traci Autera, Marla Sherman, Sheila Brogan, Enid Joseph, Catherine Bunza, Hannah Fogg, Gina McDade, Maureen Burke, Ajanta Kumar, Marie Maloy, Bonnie Cornell, Izabella Sandoval

**Welcome and Approval of Minutes:** Carol Olson called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm and welcomed all attendees. The minutes from the February 11, 2014 were submitted and approved.

**Student Report:** Izabella Sandoval reported that the prom is coming up and the senior's visited the venue. She also reported that the student government is working on the April Spring Fling event for the Senior citizens. Spirit week is the week of 3/31. They are trying to be creative and get all students involved.

**Principal's Report:** Tom Gorman reported that his quarterly letter was sent out to parents. The letter addressed student wellness and family time. The black out periods for sports and activities is 8/2 to 8/10 and 6/17 to 6/20. (Final exams)  
Tom reported that 3-hour practice limits have been established for sports, new players, band, etc.

**Principal of Summer School:** Keith Cook is the principal of the 2014 summer school. He reported that the online registration is now open via the RHS website. The school runs from 6/30 thru 7/31 Monday to Thursday. There are remedial classes as well as new classes for credit. Students can audit an advanced class before taking the class in the fall. There are 2 new 2-week classes being offered this summer. (Reading & Writing, Algebra foundations) Band and Music students can take the financial literacy course this summer. All the information is available on the summer school brochure.

**Assistant Principal:** Jeff Nyhuis reported that the SAT is changing beginning the spring of 2015. It appears to be becoming more similar to the ACT. The writing piece will be optional now and the vocabulary will be less difficult. We will be piloting the ACT online at RHS this April.

The college fair is Wed. March 19. Approximately, 80 schools are committed to attending the fair.

Jeff reported that we are in the middle of scheduling for next year.

Jeff reported that we would have increased enrollment in the fall. The freshman class will be approximately 50 students larger than the current freshman class.

The DECA students are leaving for States this Thursday.

Jeff reported that he would be visiting Arizona state schools in April. The Guidance counselors are planning a trip to visit California schools.

**Faculty Report:** The faculty requested that parents should encourage their children to follow up on any missing assignment.

The faculty reported that seniors are very sensitive at this time about their college acceptances. The teachers are aware of this and try to help the students.

**Board of Education Report:** There will not be a vote on the Budget this year. There will be 3 budget presentations for the community. There are 2 presentations scheduled for April 10 and one scheduled for April 23. The information will be mailed home on a postcard.

Sheila reported that the 2014/2015 calendar will be decided upon at the next BOE meeting. The Board is in favor of the shortened February break and the last day of school June 18.

**Q&A discussion:**

The RHS faculty and administration answered questions submitted by parents. The questions and answers will be posted on the RHS website.

**Executive Board Updates**

**A) Presidents Report:**

The HSA nominating committee is starting right after break. If anyone is interested in a position on the HSA please contact Lynn Knight.

The Federated Wizards game made \$6,500. The Federated TD bank fundraiser usually raises \$8,000 – \$10,000. Federated will be donating most of these funds to a district wide initiative.

**B) Vice President:**

Kim reported that the senior fashion show is Sunday, March 30. They are still accepting auction donations.

PG is raffling off a parking space at the school.

**C) Treasurer:**

Pam Ricatto distributed the financials.

Pam reported that we made \$91 of revenue from amazon.com.

The HSA made a donation to the learning services HSA scholarship.

Pam reported that the learning commons account had activity.

**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. There will be one last request for donations for the wall.

Lori reported that the furniture for the learning commons has been ordered and a deposit sent.

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**

Junior class coffee is scheduled for Thurs. March 13, at the home of Lori Weil.

**2016– Soph. Class**

No news to report.

**2017 – Frosh. Class**

Lynn Granski reported that the class sold 135 t-shirts. There are a few left.

The Frosh. Class is planning a social.

**Other Business:**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Next HSA meeting will be held on April 8, 7:30 PM, RHS Library.

Respectively submitted by Kelly Gioia.