

# Ridgewood High School Home and School Association

## Minutes for May 15, 2007 Meeting

**Call to Order** – Beth Jorgensen called the meeting to order.

**Secretary's Report** – Motion was made and passed approving the minutes for the April meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – Cheryl Alterman reviewed the monthly financial report. She also announced the gift proposal prepared by the board. The HSA has \$17,000 available to gift back to the high school. The proposal is as follows:

- **\$8,260.00 for 7 media carts (\$1,180 ea) with built in amplifier and speakers. These carts were not part of the second question on the budget. The school already has the other equipment to put on the carts.**

**\$4,000.00 - \$1,000 to each graduation committee for the class of 2007, 8, 9, 10.**

**\$2,400.00 - 2 computers (1,200 ea) for use in teacher offices.**

**\$320.00 - 2 portable screens at \$160 ea.**

**\$1,000 for departmental conferences**

**\$1,000 for the Distinguished Alumni Award project. Used to purchase plaques and lettering for the wall.**

**Total: \$16,980.00**

The proposal will be voted on at the June meeting.

**Principal's Report** – Jack Lorenz reported that AP classes are taking the AP exams. Also, Pat Hans, an American Studies teacher at RHS, was selected as a judge for literary magazine. Congratulations to her for this very high honor.

Social Norms Program – the program will soon include tee-shirts that students can choose to wear. Students are also preparing a U-Tube type video regarding the social norms program.

On May 30, Tim Silvestre, from Lafayette University, will be at RHS to present underage drinking program, "Straight Shots."

Town ordinance on underage drinking will be going before the Village Council. RHS will probably form a high school task force, to get parents to help enact all suggestions.

Goal with seniors is “exit with pride.”

Distinguished Alumni Wall – RHS has received impressive nominations and will make selections soon.

**Guidance Report** – Peg Loonam reported that the Executive Director of “Colleges that Change Lives” program, Marty O’Connell, is coming to Ridgewood for the college speaker series in October 2007.

Senior Awards Ceremony is on May 21, 2007.

**Presentation of New Library Catalog System Destiny** – Donna Antonellis made a presentation demonstrating the new library catalog system at RHS.

**President’s Report** – Beth Jorgensen attended the Federated meeting, and the new board of Federated was announced. The new President of Federated will be Inez Bunza.

On October 19, 2007, there will be a fundraiser held for the RHS sports hall of fame. It will be a dance, and the event is being called “Everybody’s High School Dance.”

Motion was made and passed approving the new board for next year’s HSA. The new board will be:

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

**Board of Education Representative** – Joseph Vallerini reported that Sheila Brogan will be the Board of Ed.’s Federated representative next year. Mr. Vallerini will continue to be the RHS representative.

The new superintendent of schools has been hired. He is Dr. Martin Brooks, and all information regarding his hiring is posted on the website.

The board is looking for ideas for landscaping for the corner of Hermance and Beverly.

**Curriculum Communication Committee Representative** – Eileen Haynes reported on the curriculum communication committee meeting on the district’s Social Studies Program.

**Hospitality Committee** – The committee is looking for volunteers to bring food for the June 11 staff meeting.

**Old Business** – Beth Jorgensen announced that a development committee is being formed for next year. Vicky Herbert will be chairing the development committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

#### Attendance List

Beth Jorgensen  
Cheryl Alterman  
Deborah Edghill  
Jack Lorenz  
Peg Loonam  
Sophia Marcyes  
Shayna Strype  
Hilary Jones  
Elizabeth Resnick  
Joanne Stolfo  
Donna Antonellis  
Vicky Herbert  
Jaime Frederick  
Sally Felsenstein  
Tracy Autera  
Caroline Barr  
Eileen Haynes  
Michele Lenhard