

MINUTES

Governing Board Reading Edge Academy, Inc.

March 22, 2022 Reading Edge Academy 6:00 PM

Governing Board Members Roll Call:

Staff Members Roll Call:

Mike Caldwell	Chair	P	Peggy Comardo	Principal	P
Vickie Foster	V Chair	P	Don Comardo	Facilities	Ex
Arlene Lowery	Secretary	P	Debbie Smoak	AP REA	P
Marianne Stanley	Treasurer by phone	P	Maryann Roberts	AP Samsula	P
Sandy Kent	Member	P			

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at Reading Edge Academy by Mr. Mike Caldwell, Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken. Mr. Don Comardo was excused.

Mr. Caldwell welcomed guests Ms. Daovy Walton who wanted to observe the board meeting and Ms. Nicole Wissel, who has been requesting safety lighting at the Reading Edge parking lot. Both are employees at Reading Edge Academy.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Wissel addressed the Governing Board for the third time requesting proper lighting for the Reading Edge Academy back parking lot. Ms. Daovy also expressed her concern that proper lighting was needed for safety. Mrs. Comardo explained that two estimates for LED lighting had already been taken and that they were waiting for a third. At present it will be in the neighborhood of \$ 6,000 for the installation.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports were presented by Mrs. Marianne Stanley for **February 2022**.

A motion was made to accept the Reading Edge Academy February financial report by Mrs. Foster and seconded by Mrs. Lowery. The motion carried 5 – 0 with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Kent voting approval.

A motion was made to accept the Samsula Academy February financial report by Mrs. Foster and seconded by Mrs. Lowery. The motion carried 5 – 0 with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Kent voting approval.

Mrs. Stanley requested that the item of an amended budget be added to the April Governing Board Agenda, and was acknowledged.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The February 2022 minutes written by Mrs. Smoak for Mrs. Lowery were sent to the Board online and reformatted by Mrs. Lowery. A motion was made by Mrs. Stanley to accept the minutes and seconded by Mrs. Foster. The motion carried 5– 0 with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Kent approving the motion.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS

Reading Edge Academy by Ms. Debbie Smoak

February 16th – Health Screening for Kindergarten, 1st and 3rd grade students

February 22nd – Administrative meeting at Samsula Academy at 10 a.m.

February 24th – Team meetings for 1st, 2nd, and 4th grade

Report Card comments due to Administration

February 25th – Team Meetings for Kindergarten, 3rd, and 5th grade

March 2nd – Report Cards distributed to families

March 7th – ACCESS testing (ESOL) returned to the district (25 students were tested)

March 9th – Fire & Ice Night for Reading Edge Academy (Tijuana Flats and Jeremiah's Italian Ice)

March 11th – Duty Day for Staff – Professional Training

Insurance Meeting for upcoming change

March 14-18th Spring Break

March 23rd – FSA Celebration for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students

March 25th – FTE Audit and Stetson Baptist auditorium

March 26th – Saturday meeting for Administration, Instructional Coach and TOA

Florida Charter School Governance Conference 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Virtual meeting

Breakout sessions include:

- We are getting sued – what should we do?
- Insurance & Risk Management
- Governing Boards & Compliance
- Increasing Community Presence
- Overseeing Multiple Schools (Real life things to consider if looking at expansion)
- Florida School Safety Requirements for Schools
- Biggest Legal Mistakes Charter School Might Make
- Finding the Right School Leader
- Authorizer & Governing Board Partnerships that ensure quality charter schools
- Facilities & Financing
- Governance in the Sunshine
- Founding Board vs Operating Boards
- Onboarding New Board Member
- Parents as Advocates of Charter Schools
- So you want to build a charter school
- Strategic Planning
- Conflicts of Interest
- Role of the Board
- Non FEFP Funding Basics

Reading Edge Academy's enrollment is currently 312.

SAMULA ACADEMY by Mrs. Maryann Roberts

M March 3rd – Ms. Heasley completed her yearly NCI training.

March 8th – Personality Pictures were taken by Mr. Skinner.

March 2nd - Report Cards went home

March 10th – PTA meeting for facilitators took place at 6:30 pm.

March 10th – Grant applications were submitted to the Kiwanis Club for consideration. Winners will be announced at a luncheon in the Spring.

March 11th - Professional Duty Day – Faculty meeting, Reading Leadership met to review Benchmark Advance implementation. A school wide text marking guide was developed for the school. This was done to insure that students use the same text marking through all grade levels. The guide was set up to identifying markings added as students' progress through K-5.

Math Cadre met to look through Cengage Math materials and discuss their alignment to the new B.E.S.T. (Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking) Math standards. Teachers felt that it does align better than using Engage New York. While ENY is rigorous, it does follow a different scope and sequence. Teachers would need to still seek lesson to align to the standards which is time consuming.

March 14th- 20th - Spring Break

March 21st – Classes resumed

March 25th – Adventure day –Rock Climbing Wall and Obstacle Course for students.

March 28th – K field trip to the Central Florida Sanford Zoo.

March 30th – Spruce Creek Band students are coming to Samsula Academy to visit 5th grade. The aim is spike student interest in joining band in MS and Hs.

March 30th - Race Party and Trophy presentation for/to all students who sold programs at the Race Track in February.

Samsula's current enrollment is 171.

27 on Kindergarten Waitlist, 18 on other grade level waitlists

18 on other grade level waitlists

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mrs. Comardo thanked her teams for all their hard work at both schools. She announced that there will be tutoring classes at both locations this summer. She also reported that the teachers were all doing well with recording comments on the report cards and she was pleased with their progress.

Mrs. Comardo told the Board that a new DOE form was being developed in-house that would update information about all employees and board members. She hopes to have this information completed and sent to DOE by June 1st.

OLD BUSINESS

Florida Joint Legislative Auditing Committee

A response to the audit findings was requested from the State on past audit postings. These findings have since been corrected and were not found in the most recent audit. A letter stating this was sent to the State Chair.

NEW BUSINESS

Quotes for fencing Samsula Academy

Three fencing companies have measured the school grounds at Samsula Academy. These quotes are still forthcoming.

NEXT MEETING: April 19, 2022 at Samsula Academy

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene Lowery, Secretary
Reading Edge Academy, Inc.
Governing Board