

**MINUTES**  
**Governing Board Reading Edge Academy, Inc.**  
**May 17, 2022 Reading Edge Academy 6:00 PM**

Governing Board Members Roll Call:

Staff Members Roll Call:

Arlene Lowery	Acting Chair	P	Peggy Comardo	Principal	P
Sandy Kent	Acting V Chair by Phone	P	Debbie Smoak	AP REA	P
Arlene Lowery	Secretary	“	Maryann Roberts	AP Samsula	P
Marianne Stanley	Treasurer	P			
Samantha Higbee	Member	P			

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at Reading Edge Academy by Arlene Lowery, Acting Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken. Mrs. Sandy Kent attended by telephone.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Christina Dwarika, a third grade teacher with Reading Edge Academy, was welcomed as a guest.

**NEW GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER – MRS. SAMANTHA HIGBEE**

It was announced that Mrs. Samantha Higbee had passed all her requirements (background checks, drug screen, fingerprints 4 hour Governance Training) to become a Governing Board member. Mrs. Marianne Stanley made a motion to accept her as a member with voting rights. Mrs. Sandy Kent seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 – 0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Kent approving the motion.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The April 2022 minutes written by Mrs. Lowery were previously sent to the board online and presented for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Stanley to accept the minutes and seconded by Mrs. Kent. The motion carried 4– 0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kent, and Mrs. Higbee approving the motion.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

A motion was made to accept the Reading Edge Academy April financial report by Mrs. Lowery and seconded by Mrs. Kent. The motion carried 4 – 0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kent, and Mrs. Higbee voting approval.

A motion was made to accept the Samsula Academy April financial report by Mrs. Kent and seconded by Mrs. Higbee. The motion carried 4 – 0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kent, and Mrs. Highbee voting approval.

## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS**

### **Reading Edge Academy**

Reading Edge Academy's enrollment is currently 311.

### **SAMULA ACADEMY by Mrs. Maryann Roberts**

**May 4-8, 2022** - Teacher Appreciation Week, Teachers enjoyed: goodie bags from the administration, a breakfast, "favorite things" from parents, PTA sponsored morning rally through the drop off line and a luncheon.

**May 2-3, 2022** – End of the year Teacher Evaluations.

**May 4, 2022** - Four teachers were honored a luncheon hosted by the Kiwanis Club. Each teacher applied for and received grants for various projects. (Examples: Vegetable Garden, Wax Museum). Teachers were Mrs. Bronkie, Ms. King, Mr. Buboltz, and Mrs. Amirkhanova.

**May 10, 2022** – Southeast Volusia Threat Assessment Team Meeting (TAT)

**May 11, 2022** – Autism Training for Paraprofessionals as part of the DOJ settlement took place.

**May 13, 2022** - First grade field trip to the Reptile Discovery Center in Deland.

**May 19, 2022** – Canal Street Nights – Samsula Academy will have a table with information and goodies to promote the school.

### **FSA Testing and FCAT Science Testing took place on the dates listed below:**

- FSA Reading Grades 4-5 Session 1, Monday, May 2, 2022
- FSA Reading Grades 4-5 Session 2, Tuesday, May 3, 2022
- FSA Make up on Wednesday, May 4, 2022
- FSA Math Grades 4-5 Session 1, Thursday May 5, ,2022
- FSA Math Grades 4-5 Session 2, Friday May 6, 2022.
- FSA Math Grades 3 Session 1, Monday, May 9, 2022
- FSA Math Grades 3 Session 2, Tuesday, May 10, 2022
- FSA Make up on Wednesday, May 10, 2022
- FCAT Science Grades 5 Session 1, Thursday, May 12, ,2022
- FCAT Science Grade 5 Session 2, Friday, May 13, 2022.
- FCAT Make ups Monday, May 16 –Thursday, May, 19

**May 20, 2022** - First grade will have their Fancy Nancy and Dapper Dan Celebration. Students read Fancy Nancy books in literature circles.

**May 24, 2022** - Guardian Appreciation Day. We will celebrate Mr. Bill.

**May 25, 2022** - FSA party for grades 3-5 Students will enjoy snow cones, craft activity, kickball and relay races in celebration of completion of tutoring and the FSA.

**May 25, 2022** – Report card comments are due to the administration.

**May 30, 2022** - School closed in observance of Memorial Day

**May 31, 2022** - Breakfast celebrating Fifth Grade

**June 1, 2022** - Fifth grade awards and Legacy Walk around campus.

**June 2, 2022** - Field Day

**June 3, 2022** - Last Day of school for students.

**June 7, 2022** – Last Day for Teachers

**June 8-9, 2022** – Volusia Learns-PD for all VCS and Charter schools.

Samsula's current enrollment is 170.

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Mrs. Comardo thanked her teams at Reading Edge Academy and Samsula Academy for their daily hard work at both schools. She announced that the switchover to the new payroll system was in the works. She also announced that she and Mrs. Kim Bonfield were diligently getting ready for the upcoming end of year school audit.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Governing Board Officers for School Year 2022 – 2023 (Vote to be taken at June Meeting)**

Chair	Arlene Lowery
Vice Chair	Sandy Kent
Secretary	Arlene Lowery
Treasurer	Marianne Stanley

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Governing Board Membership**

Mrs. Lowery announced that new board membership was still open, and she wanted a candidate from Reading Edge Academy to become a member.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 21, 2022 at Reading Edge Academy

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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