

MINUTES

Governing Board Reading Edge Academy, Inc.

June 21, 2022 Samsula 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	P	Debbie Smoak	AP REA (Retired)	R
Arlene Lowery	Secretary	“	Maryann Roberts	AP Samsula	Ex
Marianne Stanley	Treasurer	P	Kim Bonfield	Finance	P
Samantha Higbee	Member	P			

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at Samsula Academy by Arlene Lowery, Acting Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken. Mrs. Debbie Smoak has retired, and Mrs. Roberts was excused for a short vacation. Mrs. Kim Bonfield, Financial Officer was in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Colleen Tidd and Mr. Miles Tidd, parents of a Samsula student were welcomed. They addressed the Board with the following issues that were of concern to themselves and other parents who have children that attend Samsula Academy.

- **Drinking fountains.** Last school year some were not operational. Mrs. Comardo explained that the water had been tested and that they would be flushed and running by the new school year.
- **Opening of the playground.** Mrs. Comardo stated that work will be done over the summer and the playground should be ready by the new school year.
- **Exit interviews.** Some former students were withdrawn and the parents did not think the administration understood why. Mrs. Comardo stated she would call them.
- **Fencing at Samsula.** Although the cost of fencing was not presently within reach of the funding allowed in the Samsula budget, it was felt that it was a necessity by the parents. It was suggested that perhaps a group of parents could raise funds in the community and obtain funding that way. Future plans will be upcoming at the start of the new school year.
- **Reestablishment of PTA.** The PTA was put on the back burner due to Covid for the past two years. It is hoped that PTA can start up with the new school year. Plans are forthcoming.
- **Field Day.** This was a success and hopefully more functions like it will be upcoming in the new school year.
- **5th Grade Graduation.** It was requested that parents be included in this important event.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The May 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 May 2022.

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

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Budget for 2022 – 2023 School Year

Mrs. Stanley presented the budgets for the 2022 – 2023 school year. With attendance down to 157 at Samsula Academy it was understood that more students are needed to have a better balance in the upcoming year. Mrs. Lowery made a motion to accept the Samsula proposed budget, with Mrs. Kent seconding. The motion passed 4 – 0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kent and Mrs. Higbee voting approval.

Mrs. Stanley presented the budget for the 2022-2023 school year at Reading Edge Academy. The enrollment for the upcoming year is at 316 students. Mrs. Kent made a motion to accept the budget for Reading Edge Academy, and Mrs. Lowery seconded that motion. The motion passed 4 – 0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Higbee voting approval.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS

Reading Edge Academy

No report was available due to the retirement of Debbie Smoak.

Reading Edge Academy's enrollment is currently 316.

SAMULA ACADEMY by Mrs. Maryann Roberts

May 31st – Graduation breakfast for 5th grade students. There was T-shirt signing, class pictures and goodie bags for the kiddos.

June 1st - Slide show and awards assembly took place for 5 th grade.

June 2nd – Field Day for Grades K-5

June 3rd - Graduation “Legacy Walk” for 5th grade - Students made one complete walk around campus for the very last time. All other grade levels came out to cheer the 5th graders as they walked around the main classrooms.

June 3rd - Last day of school for students - report cards went home.

June 6 & 7 – Teacher duty days for all teachers.

June 7th - End of the year luncheon catered by Olive Garden.

June 13th - June 30th - Tutoring began for all students in grades K-5.

June 14th – Administrative meetings took place at Reading Edge Academy.

June 15th – Administrative workshop was attended by Peggy Comardo and Maryann Roberts. Topic was setting up PD in MyPGS so teachers receive point for in house PD.

June 22nd – Mid tutoring data collection and review for tutoring.

June 30th – Final Data Collection and review for tutoring.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Mrs. Comardo thanked Mrs. Bonfield and Mrs. Stanley for their hard work on the budget that was presented at this meeting. She also thanked Mrs. Bonfield for all the hours she has been putting in getting ready for the upcoming audit and for working on the upcoming new year salaries.

OLD BUSINESS

Governing Board Officers for School Year 2022 – 2023

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

Mrs. Stanley made a motion to accept the upcoming 2022-2023 school year Governing Board officers as listed above. Mrs. Highbee seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 – 0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Highbee voting approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Paint Donation for Samsula Academy School Building

Mr. Randy Haithcock with Southern Paint has graciously offered to donate paint for the Samsula Academy school building. Mrs. Kent will look into having the building pressure treated to ready for painting. Mrs. Highbee will get three quotes from professional painters for the front of the building, and organize the volunteers who agreed to help with this project.

NEXT MEETING: **August 30, 2022** at Reading Edge Academy (Mrs. Stanley made a motion to move the first meeting to August 30th, and Mrs. Kent seconded. The motion passed 4 -0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Highbee approving.)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene Lowery, Secretary

Reading Edge Academy, Inc.

Governing Board