

Reading Edge Academy, Inc
Minutes of Governing Board Meeting
February 15, 2022
@ Samsula Academy

Pledge of Allegiance – 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of Members – Mrs. Arlene Lowery, excused due to the death of her mother – Mrs. Comardo and Mr. Comardo were excused due to the NSB Speedway racing week

Public Participation – Many Samsula Families and a few Reading Edge Families were in attendance and wished to address the board:

- Ms. Higbee – asked about PTA and wanted more parent involvement, better quality of fund raisers and looking at the volunteer requirements, Board thanked her for her comments
- Mrs. Wissel – Concerned about the outside lighting at REA, the lights provided do not give illumination needed when it is dark and with the time changing soon, it will be dark coming to work and leaving at night
- Mr. Tidd – as a VCS teacher expressed his concern and anger with how the lockdown was handled on Monday, February 14th at dismissal. He believed families should have had a quicker response than what was released about 3 hours after the fact. Many of the families in attendance shared his concern (too many to list)
- Ms. Roberts read a debrief prepared by Mrs. Comardo to those in attendance. She was asked if a REMIND was sent out by member, Mrs. Foster, and told that one did go out about 5:30 p.m. Ms. Roberts also shared the police file number of the incident : 22-3042
- Mr. Diaz – Concerned about the lack of security, no gates, nothing to stop an intruder from getting to the classrooms and then to the students.
- Ms. Shealy – Concerned about school access, “a person could easily do harm”, wants more information about the social emotional trauma that students experienced.

- Another parent asked “Can protocols for dismissal be reviewed and who is responsible for making decisions when Mrs. Comardo isn’t on campus or available since Ms. Roberts stated she makes no decisions without Mrs. Comardo’s input.
- Many others declined their opportunity to speak due to those who spoke before. The issues were the same.

After there were no other comments or concerns (many repeated the same concerns as those listed), Chairman Mike Caldwell thanked all those who came to share and told them they were vital to the success of the schools and without them coming forward the board would not be aware of their concerns. He then excused those who were visiting as the Board continued with the printed agenda.

Approval of Financial Reports: Mrs. Stanley - the report for Reading Edge Academy for the month of December 2021 was shared and discussed. Mrs. Foster made a motion to accept the report as shared and Ms. Kent made the second. The motion passed with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Stanley and Ms. Kent in approval.

The report for Samsula Academy for the month of December 2021 was shared and discussed. Mrs. Foster made a motion to accept the report as shared and Ms. Kent made a second. The motion was passed with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Stanley and Ms. Kent in approval.

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The report for Samsula Academy for the month of January 2022 was shared and discussed. Mrs. Foster made a motion to accept the report as shared and Ms. Kent gave a second. The motion passed with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Stanley and Ms. Kent in approval.

Approval of Previous minutes: The January 2022 minutes were shared electronically with all board members prior to the meeting. Mrs. Foster made a motion to accept the minutes as presented with Mrs. Stanley making a second.

The motion carried with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Ms. Kent, and Mrs. Stanley in approval.

Assistant Principal's Reports – were submitted to the board electronically prior to the meeting. Mrs. Roberts requested that the Governing Board put a “Bullying” policy in the Parent/Student Handbook for parents to review and understand that it also applies toward the employees of Reading Edge Academy, Inc.

Principal's Message – none was available

Old Business – The required letter to the Florida Legislative Joint Legislative Auditing Committee was shared and a motion was made to forward the letter to the state and our district pending Mrs. Comardo's signature. Mrs. Foster made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Stanley. The motion was approved with Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Foster, Ms. Kent and Mrs. Stanley in agreement.

No information was available about the internet cable quotes for Samsula portables.

There was no business to discuss.

Next Meeting: March 22, 2021 (date changed due to Spring Break)

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Deborah Smoak,
Assistant Principal Reading Edge Academy