

## Ridge PTA Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2019

Board Members Present: Katie Brandt, Michelle Godek, Manuella Crawley, Liz Jerin, Kelly Kelbach, Heather Higham.

Called to Order at 7:03 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Guest Speaker, Bill Porter, Superintendent of Mentor Public Schools
  - a. Strategic Plan Presentation
    - i. Mission - Inspiring students today to reach their potential tomorrow
    - ii. Vision
      1. Together we will ensure a safe learning environment
      2. Provide a balanced high-quality education
      3. Maximize our resources
      4. Encourage strong community partnerships
    - iii. ALICE Program, Sandy Hook Promise, Crossroads (Mental Health Focus)
    - iv. District recently did a practice safety drill at Mentor High School
    - v. All 78 busses now have cameras installed- grant funded
    - vi. Partnered with NAMI - May MS, Fall HS - trying to spread the message that "depression is treatable and suicide is preventable"
    - vii. Learning spaces throughout the district to allow for comfort and collaboration
    - viii. STEAM - K-12 initiative
    - ix. HS Level - All students should be able to find their own "Pathway" (AP, CCP, Career Tech, Internships, Military)
    - x. SPED - partner with other community businesses to offer real world experience for students with special needs
    - xi. District offers many summer camps - Continue the learning over the summer
    - xii. Resources - We need to be responsible based on our enrollment trends
    - xiii. Buildings - Brentmoor has been sold, Rice is completing sales transaction, there is also interest in Garfield (District is being thoughtful about who they sell this to since it is wedged between two properties)
    - xiv. Upgrading athletic facilities - new softball field is being built
    - xv. 9th Perfect Audit for FY 2018
    - xvi. Community Partnerships
      1. The Hub, located inside Mentor HS is a satellite location for Mentor Public Library, open M-Th 3-8 PM
  - b. Q: What building improvements will happen at Ridge?
    - i. Roof will be done in next 1-2 yrs
    - ii. Bolton Estate (Horse Farm) idea has been talked about
    - iii. Classroom space - thought about moving preschool

- c. Q: Is there any way that we will be redistricting in the next few years? Supt: It can always happen but I don't foresee it happening over the next couple of years.
  - d. Q: What improvements are going to be made at Ridge? Concerns about the following:
    - i. Outside facilities - tennis court and basketball court are both rundown, no plans yet to fix or upgrade
    - ii. Lack of parking - we do have a mall across the street with parking for night events with a police officer, we have enough parking spots for an average day, the price for adding parking just for the night events would be astronomical
    - iii. Police officer got swiped by a car at one of our events, parent was concerned that it could have been a kid, we are still crossing Rt 84
    - iv. Inside improvements needed within the classrooms because there is a lot of disparity among them; gifted students are meeting in the hallways - Supt said that learning can happen anywhere, small groups are in the hallways in all the buildings not just Ridge
  - e. Q: How has bullying been addressed at the HS since the attack? Supt: clarified that it was not bullying but an assault.
    - i. A guest speaker came in today to engage students in a Kindness Rally
    - ii. Advisory Period added to the high school
    - iii. Culture needs to start sooner than high school
    - iv. Programs for elementary and middle schools to promote positive behavior
  - f. Concern: Parent concerned about a lack of communication. Supt: we send email, phone calls, text.....if you are not getting email update that on IC Parent Portal or check SPAM folder.
  - g. Concern: Gifted Class got moved and there are no partitions. Hutto: there are partitions
  - h. Concern: Suspicious Man incident - the man did not go in the building, he tried to open the door did not press the button, he refused to present ID and was arrested for trespassing
3. Minutes from October
- a. Motion - Katie Brandt
  - b. Second - Seth Crawley
4. President's Report
- a. Thank you Greggs Family for the homemade Fortnite Llama that was used in the Trunk or Treat raffle. It raised \$105 for the PTA.
  - b. Thank you to the Other Mentor PTAS for advertising the Holiday Bazaar on their social media
  - c. Thank you to all those who donated to the last Teacher Appreciation event
  - d. Mary Bryner at Mentor Public Library Wednesday 11/20 and Thurs 11/21. Casual conversations with a Mentor School Board member
  - e. Correspondence: Thank you from Cecelia Robinson and Mrs. Slish.
5. Principal's Report - Hutto & Poremba
- a. There are 3 Staff Committees - Leadership, Learning, & Life
    - i. Life Beautification Committee is currently coming up with ways to beautify the grounds like the basketball court, track area, and grassy area behind the school

- b. Peer Leadership Group presented at Superintendent Conference in Columbus
    - i. Promote games at recess and getting along
  - c. PTA presents Basketball Jones assembly tomorrow!
  - d. BOKS with Ms. Southworth is awesome
  - e. PTA Reflections Night is tomorrow
  - f. Reminder that Thanksgiving Break - Wed, Thurs, Fri & Mon too!
  - g. Holiday Parties are on Thursday, Dec 19
    - i. K-1 10:15 am
    - ii. 2-5 1:45 pm
  - h. "Trauma" training at the staff meetings from Crossroads
    - i. Lost & Found - Please take a look!
- 6. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Book Fair, Spirit Wear, Coupon Books deposits - we are on track for mostly everything
  - b. Family Night Out - we are a little slow on, we need some more ideas

Motioned: Kelly Kelbach

Secondary: Kara Vlach

- 7. Committee Reports
  - a. BOKS - Awesome, shirts should be here next week
  - b. Bingo - Will be held in December with the holiday party
  - c. Fundraising -
    - i. Barnes & Noble - Dec 8, 10AM - 8PM; slips will go home soon, and there will be an online fundraiser as well, story time by teachers from 11am-2pm; scavenger hunt and coloring contest all day, a special Ridge Drink will be available at Starbucks, gift wrapping and "welcoming" volunteers needed, sign up genius or email Liz Jerin, last year we raised \$1,300, will be a fundraiser for One Book One School
    - ii. Box Tops - \$368 made at the end of October
    - iii. Coupon Books - profit is \$3,000, sweatshirt & shirt prizes are coming soon
    - iv. Family Night Out
      - 1. Moe's - earned \$182.77
      - 2. Icebreakers Hockey Night (TBA in Winter)
      - 3. Tony is looking at other vendors including Longos, Pizza Bella, & Panda Express
    - v. Holiday Bazaar
      - 1. Saturday, Nov 16, 9 am-3 pm, free admission, basket raffle, 21 vendors, still need 2 volunteers for the basket raffle from 1-3 pm
    - vi. Malley's Chocolates - no updates
    - vii. Readathon - January, still need a chair and volunteers
  - d. Holiday Party - December 13 6:30-8pm
  - e. Paint Night - March 6, 2020

- f. Pixie Shop - Dec 10-13 during the day, one dollar shop for the holidays, 8-10 volunteers per day, volunteers on Dec 9, 3-6 PM to set up, class schedules for shopping will be sent home
- g. Scholastic Book Fair - went very well, thank you to everyone who volunteered, earned 6,600 in Scholastic Dollars, next one is in Feb, teachers will be able to use Scholastic Dollars after the Feb Book Fair
- h. Spirit Wear - went well, made \$1200, PTA Board is having some conversations about using Cheddar Up vs accepting cash/check
- i. Sports Night - TBA Spring Event
- j. Teacher Appreciation - Thank you to everyone who donated
- k. VIP Dance
  - i. Emails have gone out to committee members
  - ii. Email sent to MHS contact requesting use of gym for Friday, April 3 or April 24
  - iii. Tentative theme is Hollywood, which allows for more formal event (per feedback from last year)
  - iv. Currently pricing out DJs
- l. LCC Report/Reflections - went over how to read State Report Card, Bylaws need to be updated every 3 years, we did this last year, tomorrow Reflections work night at 6:30 pm, entries need to be submitted by December 9th

#### 8. New Business

- a. Standards of Affiliation
- b. Conflict of Interest

#### 9. Adjournment at 8:28 PM

Motion - Kelly Kelbach

Second- Katie Brandt