

Ridge View Academy
School Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Thursday September 19, 2019
9:00 AM

The Mission of the Ridge View Academy Board of Education is to ensure that Ridge View Academy provide a rigorous individualized educational program which includes a teaching/learning approach that promotes academic success, personal accountability, and essential skills that will enable our students to be contributing members of society.

I. Call to Order

- A. 9:00 AM Meeting Convenes
- B. Membership Roll Call – Quorum Present
 - i. Nancy Spence
 - ii. Pat Hayes
 - iii. Elton Jones
 - iv. Bianca Jones via phone
 - v. Bob Eikermann
 - vi. Mike Griebel
 - vii. Craig Bowman
 - viii. Others in Attendance: Kent Moe, Doug MacCarthy, Autumn Boyer, Ed Cope, and 2 DPS representatives
- C. Approval of the Meeting Agenda moved by Craig Bowman, seconded by Nancy Spence

II. Action Items- Approval of July 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- A. Motion to approve minutes moved by Nancy Spence, seconded by Craig Bowman; no additions
- B. Motion to approve Anders minutes on 9/9/19 moved by Bob Eikermann, seconded by Nancy Spence

III. Principal's Report- Eric Becker, RVA Assistant Principal

- A. Staffing Patterns/ Teacher Movements
 - i. No changes over summer, little turnover
 - ii. Mr. Sedia is new permanent sub
 - iii. New registrar is fantastic
 - iv. Teachers in Metro State program are doing well; plan to have alternative licensure in June
- B. Student Population
 - i. Total population 98, under where we would like to be, many intakes, also many exits
 - ii. AWOL issue still exists, 11 AWOLs last month
 - iii. DHS (39), DYS (59), Sped (37)
- C. RVA Report
 - i. Junior achievement coming in for kids on November 1st to discuss career success, how to get hired, and conducting yourself during interviews
 - ii. Restorative Theatre, DYS provider coming in to do 8 week course on how to act and write a play; 12-13 kids will participate
 - iii. 2 grant programs occurring now; Capturing Kids Hearts (teachers posting social contract), and Growth through connections (creating positive relationships with kids)
 - iv. Soccer, Cross Country, and Football occurring now
 - v. F List at about 12 kids right now, very low
 - vi. Robotics competition September 28th at 3pm, memorial for student from STEM
- D. Charter Renewal Update
- E. PSAT/ SAT Results
 - i. 2019 SAT Results: 0 percent proficient in math; 3-20 percent proficient in reading and writing
 - ii. PSAT Results: 1-2 percent proficient in math; 6-12 percent proficient in reading and writing

IV. Facility's Report Update - Kent Moe, Executive Director- ROP-Mountain Region

- A. Family First and DYS
 - i. Proposed at federal level; Colorado 3rd state to begin; residential dollars out for foster care and reinvesting into family preservation, impacting us as those dollars were being used for placing kids
 - ii. January 1st start date, agencies wanting to with 4E kids have to become a QRTP and must become trauma informed; DYS now opting in to the act
 - iii. The state is collaborating with us; when a 4E child is referred a 3rd party reviewer must assess within 21 days if the child is appropriate for placement; DHS kids will be reviewed in detention facilities first before coming to RVA
 - iv. DYS: when the 3rd party reviewer assesses and agrees the child is appropriate, child will receive all services; if reviewer disagrees with placement, DYS will pay for child to come
 - v. No more group homes in Colorado moving forward
 - B. Recap of Anders Meeting
 - i. DYS population is plummeting; judges potentially not committing kids due to violence in secure facilities
 - ii. Discussion of only taking DYS kids, but DHS population on the rise
 - iii. Discussion of using RVA for a day school
 - C. Charter Application
 - D. BBI Update
 - i. We are now submitting QRTP application
 - ii. 6 core strategies though BBI; we would like more student participation in the board meeting, and would like a parent of a previous child on the board
 - E. DPS Visit/ Review 9.24.19
 - F. Limon Tour Update- Elton Jones- On hold for October 2019 Meeting
- V. **Legislative Update - Jeff Thormodsgaard, Co-Managing Partner, Michael Best Strategies**
- A. Meeting with Nancy Todd today; so far have had a good fall with tours and we are pleased with legislator's feedback
 - B. Beth McCann toured and was pleased with Ridgeview and got to see our differences
 - C. Plan is to get Chris Kennedy out for a tour, as well as Rachel Zenzinger
 - D. Would like RVA to establish a presence at the capital; create a committee?
 - E. Jeff says "No specific concerns from legislators regarding RVA, but we look militaristic"
 - F. Repurposing of RVA still on the table
- VI. **Student Report- Ms. Gray, Culinary Nutritionist**
- A. Ultimate goal is to get our new kitchen manager to take on 2 classes for kids in the afternoons
 - B. Ms. Gray has been with us for a year; students develop food safety knowledge first, then handle food, learn knife skills, and learn the health model
 - C. S/A Ekelund and S/A Banks have learned how to cut foods, earned Serve Safe Certification, learned about cross contamination, and have gone on off-sites for food shows
- VII. **VIII. Treasurer's Report- Bob Eikermann & CJ Bower, CFO**
- A. Key Performance Indicators and Summary of All Units
 - i. Budget will need to be redone as it's now based on 150 students; will need to drop it to 110 students; about a 15,000-dollar loss instead of a positive
 - ii. Pat Hayes mentioned the money loaned to ROP, CJ says we need to look into it and resolve how much was used and how the board gets it back
 - iii. Jeff's contract brought up; it is up in December 2019
 - B. Balance Sheet and Statement of Cash Flow
 - C. 2019-20 Budget Request
 - D. Motion to receive report moved by Craig Bowman, seconded by Nancy Spence
- VIII. **Transition Committee- Mike Griebel**
- A. **Roger Allot Fund**
 - i. Report from August: 4 students reviewed, two females/ two males
 - ii. September: 2 applicants; 1 for 1000 dollars (student having twins), L. Jones requested 2000 dollars but is tabled to next month (was applicant 3 years ago)
- IX. **Accountability Committee, Craig Bowman**
- Ed set schedule for accountability meetings, flyer will be posted; next meeting is October 6th; Nancy would like to attend

- X. **CAB Report- Doug MacCarthy- Bids for Kids Update**
 - A. Bids for Kids made around 17,000 dollars
 - B. Owners of the home loved the kids that volunteered and invited us back next year

- XI. **XIII. President's Report- Jerry Adamek**
 - A. Discussion of two resignations
 - i. Brian Weaver and Patrick Grippe; would like to honor them possibly in the November meeting and would like to get letter from board members thanking them for their service with the board
 - B. Would like to get legislative committee from members on this board
 - C. We have strategic plan that we haven't looked at in a while; we need a plan about what we are doing so it doesn't fall off the table (send out strategic plan and figure out future direction of Ridgeview)
 - D. Discussed Doug's letter of intent and will discuss again in October meeting; also possibility of Cole Wist joining the board
 - E. We would like to have minorities on our board and reflect our student body; look into former Hispanic parent to join our board
 - F. Discussion of receiving Families First training
 - G. Motion to adjourn meeting by Craig Bowman, seconded by Mike Griebel

Future RVA Board of Directors Meetings: (All Meetings at Ridge View Academy unless otherwise indicated)

October 17, 2019 @ 9:00AM (potentially held at Q House)

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

All board members are invited to attend these meetings and events

Accountability Committee, Craig Bowman, Chair:

September (), 2019 at Ridge View Academy

Transition Committee Meeting, Ed Greivel & Pat Kirk, Co-Chairs

Meets Monthly, Second Wednesday at 12:30PM at YOS Office, 800 Grant Street, Denver

SPECIAL NOTE:

Regular and Special Board Meetings of the Ridge View Academy Board of Directors, as well as Study Sessions are open to the general public, but Executive Sessions are not open.