



## FOREST RIDGE PTA BOARD MEETING Minutes

January 9, 2025 @ 7pm @ Durbins & Zoom Call

Tracy Zerinskas, Sara Durkee, Kim Tresch, Gloria Salem, Regina Tarchala, Jamie Jensson, Yvonne Mackowiak, Michelle Young, Kristen Spreadbury, Mike Bowman, Michelle Kermer, Kasey Keyser, Elizabeth Boserma, Margaret Deuser, Carmelina DiSabato, Kristen Siergie, Christine Michalik, Katie Bowman, Kristy Moran, Heather Kotnour, Breanna Hoffman, Bryant Green, Dr. Roth, and Ted Westerberg

1. Call to Order -Welcome Pledge
2. Executive Committee
  - A. President's Business
    - i. Approval of December 5, 2024, 2024 PTA board minutes. Motion: Katie Bowman  
2nd: Mike Bowman All in favor no one opposes
    - ii. Open elected positions-just reminder these are open positions.
      - i. 1-Executive Secretary
      - ii. 2-Hille V.P.'s
      - iii. 1-Ridge V.P.
      - iv. 1-Co-Fundraising Chairperson
    - iii. Communications/Social Media for PTA Board Members-Reminder especially V. P's to share flyers & update profile pictures to current events or fliers.
      - i. Personal Accounts & any issues with them
        - a. GroupMe (PTA Board, Committees, Families)
        - b. Facebook
        - c. Twitter
        - d. Instagram
        - e. Website
        - f. Newsletter
    - iv. Expectations
      - i. Code of Conduct-Reminder to get Tracy Code of Conduct if haven't already.
      - ii. PTA Board Signature & Initial Log
    - v. Teacher Grants
      - i. Ms. Freudinger- Hille Student Council Update-No update at this time
      - ii. Mrs. Bosenberg- Hille PBIS Team Update-No update at this time
      - iii. Mrs. Pringle - Ridge Pre-k Update-Items were delivered to Mrs. Pringle
      - iv. Mrs. Latka- Music teacher at Ridge, Kerkstra, & Foster- instruments Update-We are in the process of ordering her items. Trying to get the approval for tax exempt.

- v. Mrs. Thibedeau & 5th grade team- help with paying for buses for 2 field trips Update-They will reach out to us closer to when they need the grant to be filled.
- vi. Winter Party Recap:
  - i. Ridge - parties were good. They appreciated everything.
  - ii. Kerkstra - There were no negative reports.
  - iii. Foster - Everything went well.
- vii. Holiday Workshop Recap
  - i. Foster - Once we figured out how to do the system, things went smoothly. We would like more inventory and will talk to them about that next year.
  - ii. Kerkstra - Things went well. We only ran out of a few things.
- viii. Valentine's Day-Just a reminder to start making calls for the Valentine's Day party if you haven't done so already. Valentine's Day is on a  $\frac{1}{2}$  day so Pre-K will be on a different day & early dismissal for the other schools.
  - i. Ridge
  - ii. Kerkstra - we are trying to combine all 5<sup>th</sup> grade for this year.
  - iii. Foster

B. Treasurer

- i. Treasurer's Report- Report was sent out prior to the meeting for review.
- ii. Square-Log Ins
- iii. Cheddar Up, Square, PayPal Charity, MemberHub-Updates
- iv. Taxes - They have filed the extension. We will find a new accountant for next year.
- v. Audit Committee

C. School Vice President Reports

- i. Ridge-Hope everyone had a good winter break. Starting back into the new year we have some important dates. Kindergarten has a half day on 1/17/25. No AM and PM preschool that day as the morning is being reserved for preschool screenings (by appointments). No school on 1/20/25 for Martin Luther King's day. January family event is on 1/28/25. December classroom parties were a huge success! If your child is missing any items that were not labeled, please contact the teacher or the front desk. All items that are left at the end of the school year will be donated to a local charity.
- ii. Kerkstra-Our 2nd families hosted a wonderful soup, salad and sandwich lunch for our Kerkstra Staff on December 18th. THANK YOU!!!! A big thank you to all the families who helped with the Holiday Shop and our Winter Parties. We appreciate every volunteer and all they do for our Kerkstra students. MAP - Winter - Testing January 14-15, Friday, January 17 PBIS Celebration - School wide BINGO, Friday, January 17 Quarter 2 - Ends, Friday, January 17, 2025 Half Day of Student Attendance - 11:50 AM Dismissal, Monday, January 20 No School, Tuesday, January 21 Quarter 3 - Begins, Friday, January 24 Quarter 2 - Report Cards Emailed Home, Tuesday, January 28 PTA Staff Lunch Provided by 3rd Grade Families
- iii. Foster - We have our teacher appreciation lunch on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Intramurals are happening this month. Play practice starts this week. They have aerobics and

success club. Drama club is starting next Thursday. They also have a newspaper club.

- iv. Hille-We celebrated our Hille staff for our 1st staff appreciation lunch. Our families were able to provide chili, chicken noodle soup, minestrone soup, salad, bread, desserts, & beverages. In the next few weeks, they will be sharing 8th grade activities. They reminded students about tardiness, behavior expectations, technology use, social media, cell phones, door dash, & drop off/pickup. They had 8th grade graduation retakes on the 8th. We have the following things coming up: MAP testing 13th-24th, Crochet Club begins on the 14th, Boys basketball games start the 14th, Music Department Kenootz dine out is on the 15th,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day on the 17th, no school on the 20th, Report cards go home on the 24th. ACCESS Testing starts on the 27th, Yearbook Picture Day is the 28th, Fine Arts Fair is on the 29th.

#### D. Committee Reports

##### i. Communications Committee

###### i. Chairperson: Breanna Hoffman

- a. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Website - everything is updated. If anyone needs a flier, please reach out to Breanna.

##### ii. Membership Committee-We have 289 members & are paid up to date with the payment.

###### i. Chairperson: Katie Bowman

##### iii. Dine Outs Committee

###### i. Chairperson: Bryant Green

- a. Culvers Dine-Out Recap - We made a little over \$400.
- b. Nonna's Dine Out Jan. 15th 5pm-8pm - They donate 50% of sales between this time.
- c. Kenootz

##### iv. Smencil & Fidget Committee - we will order some more.

###### i. Chairpersons: Katie Bowman

##### v. Skating Committee - no updates.

###### i. Committee Chairperson:

##### vi. Art Committee

###### i. Committee Chairperson: Kristy Moran

###### ii. Members: Sara Durkee, Mike Bowman, Katie Bowman

- a. Flyers for the Art Contest went out to the schools before winter break. I am not sure they have been passed out to the students though. Emails will be sent out shortly to ask our judges from last to judge again this year. I have started coming up with ideas for possibly displaying the Artwork at FFN this year.

##### vii. Nothing Bundt Cake Recap-We did really good. We brought in \$969. It was great that we were able to get in & get the orders packed before anyone got there. Then we verified the orders when they came to get them. Recommendation for next year is to add parent contact info onto the form because it was hard to contact people the day of if we didn't have their info.

###### i. Chairperson: Sara Durkee

###### ii. Members: Michelle Kermer & Jamie Jensson

- viii. Teacher Hot Cocoa Recap-Teachers loved it. They were all delivered early in the week. We handed it out.
  - i. Chairperson: Michelle Kermer
  - ii. Members:
- ix. Domino's Slice the Price-We started our fundraiser on the 7th. All fliers were put in the teacher mailboxes on Monday. They made it really easy that they sent us 4 boxes & put each school in each box (a 1st for that which helped out a ton!). Orders are due Jan. 21st & we'll still collect forms after that.
  - i. Chairperson: Jamie Jensson
  - ii. Members:
- x. Paint Night
  - i. Chairperson: Kristy Moran
  - ii. Members: Kristen Siergiej
    - a. Update: We extended the due date for paint night to this past Wednesday. We have started ordering supplies and have planned the night out. We have confirmed to Siergiej about everything she will need for the night. Emails will be going out at the beginning of next week to the custodians and participants. We will be planning a day to get together to bag up all the supplies when everything has been purchased.
    - b. Concessions: Katie Bowman
    - c. Smencils: Katie Bowman
- xi. Sock Hop-we need to start planning. We need someone in charge of a specific part of the event. We will create a GroupMe to start discussion & planning now - February 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. Chairperson:
  - ii. Members: Katie Bowman, Mike Bowman, Michelle Kermer
    - a. Concessions:
      - a. Pizza
      - b. Beverages
      - c. Candy
      - d. Chips
    - b. DJ:
    - c. Smencils: Katie Bowman
- xii. Kenootz Take & Make Pizza Kits-We will go talk with Ken & Toni about setting up this & the Kenootz Dine Out
  - i. Chairperson: Gloria Salem
- xiii. Soap Fundraiser-We started picking out what items we're going to sell. We are going to have the order form run from Feb. 27th-March 19th & pickup will be at our Spring Book Fair on April 7th & 8th at the community church.
  - i. Chairperson: Michelle Kermer
  - ii. Members:
- xiv. Family Fun Night-We will set up groups for each individual group this week. If you are working with someone, please start talking about what you are going to do.
  - i. Front Door (including Goodie Bags): Jamie Jensson & Michelle Young
  - ii. Bounce Houses: Yvonne Mackowiak

- iii. Games: Bryant Green
- iv. Raffle & Silent Auction: Heather Kotnour & Michelle Kermer
- v. Fish: Yvonne Mackowiak
- vi. Ice Cream (Dippin Dots): Jamie Jensson
- vii. Volunteers: Kristy Moran
- viii. Concessions: Mike Bowman & Gloria Salem
- ix. Smencils: Katie Bowman
- x. Entertainment (ex: Face Painter): Breanna Hoffman & Gloria Salem
- xi. Signs: Kristy Moran
- xv. Spring Book Fair-We are confirmed with the church going to sign scholastic contract this week.
  - i. Chairperson: Michelle Kermer
  - ii. Members: Kristy Moran
- xvi. Sneaker Recycling Drive
  - i. Chairperson: Kristy Moran
  - ii. Members:
- xvii. Popcorn Fundraiser
  - i. Chairperson: Kim Tresch
  - ii. Members:
- xviii. Earth Day Program
  - i. Chairperson:
  - ii. Members:
    - a. Smencils: Katie Bowman
    - b. Popcorn Pick-up:
- xix. Summer Bash Committee
  - i. Bounce Houses:
  - ii. Police & Fire:
  - iii. Volunteers:
  - iv. Games:
  - v. Permits:
  - vi. Food Vendors:
  - vii. Concessions:
  - viii. Smencils: Katie Bowman
- xx. Volunteer Celebration
  - i. Chairperson:
  - ii. Members: Kristy Moran

### 3. Representative Reports

- A. Teacher Representatives - *Siergiej* - We have a new Chess club that will be starting.  
DiSabato - winter parties were great. The volunteers are awesome and doing their things.  
Keysar - February 13<sup>th</sup> will be the preschool pm Valentine's Day party. Winter family fun night will be on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Remind families to charge iPads when MAP testing begins.
- B. School Board/Administration Representative - We are glad to have the students, teachers and volunteers back in the building. Through the funding of the PTA, we are able to fund some of these new clubs that we see at the schools. One of the goals of the district is to add offerings to get the kids in our schools. We are partnering with Sodexo for a future chefs contest. We are also participating in the Math Bowl. It will be our first year of participation.

We find MAP testing assessments important to drive structural decisions. Hille will be e-learning in April for elections. We have shut off Google email. The next step will be to contain Google docs.

4. New Business
5. Closing and Adjournment @ 8:18pm