



FOREST RIDGE PTA
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
October 7th @ 7:00 pm on Zoom

Katie Jacobson, Kristen Spreadbury, Tracey Breitbarth, Dawn Omiecinski, Darcy Alaska, Arlene Olson, Lisa Vanderwall, Regina Tarchala, Ted Westerberg, Katie Bowman, Elizabeth Boersma, Alex Cotto, Michelle Young,
Dr. Kristine Roth

1. Call to Order - Welcome Pledge
2. Executive Committee
 - A. President's Business
 - i. Welcome & Introductions
 - ii. Vote in New PTA Board Member - Motion made to vote in new member. All approved.
 - i. Alex Cotto-Co-V.P. @ Ridge
 - iii. Resignation of Samera Bayaa as Co-Treasurer - position is still open
 - iv. Approval of Minutes - Motion was made. All approved.
 - v. Code of conduct form - Form needs to be signed by those that have not signed it yet
 - vi. GroupMe- Everyone still liking this app
 - vii. Shirts-Upcoming Year design & saying - PTA squad was the winner. Everyone needs to get their own shirts. Date to be determined. More information to follow.
 - viii. Transition Binders - still working on getting these to everyone.
 - ix. Scholastic Book Fair - We cannot hold it at Foster or Kerkstra right now due to space. Can we do this at Hille and have time slots for each school? More to follow on this.
 - x. School supply kits - We sold 40 boxes. We made \$797 from sales. Motion was made to stay with the same company for next year. All in favor.
 - B. Treasurer
 - i. Treasurers Report - Treasurer report was distributed before the meeting to review.
 - ii. Square-Log Ins - Tracey is working with Tracy to get the square logins.
 - iii. Cheddar Up, Square, PayPal Charity-Updates? - No additional research so far. Hopefully will have something by next meeting.
 - C. School Vice President Reports
 - i. Ridge - COVID Shield testing began last week. Parents may have received a notice from PowerSchool that your child has a "QU" for attendance. When a student is absent due to a COVID-19 quarantine, they will be marked with a "QU." This will not count against the child's overall attendance rate. We will not have our regular Halloween parties with volunteers. However, we still like to do something on a smaller scale. Students may wear Halloween costumes to school on Friday, October 29th. Costume accessories, weapons, or other distracting items are not to be sent to school. Picture retakes are October 21st.
 - ii. Kerkstra - October is National Bullying Prevention Month. In addition to information shared on morning announcements, and the anti-bullying information

shared out by our teachers, our school social worker will begin presenting lessons in all classrooms from the Bullying Prevention Unit of our Second Step SEL resource. These lessons will help students recognize, report, and refuse bullying. Early Act Club will also be sponsoring an Anti-bullying Spirit Week during the week of 10/11. Fall picture retakes will be held on 10/15. Red Ribbon Week 10/25-10/29. There's no school for students on 10/8 and 10/11.

- iii. Foster - Coding Club started on 9/24. Intramurals have started and students are participating either in the morning or afternoon, based on their grade level and group. Chorus has started, and Student Council will be having their first meeting this week as well. Newspaper Club has their first meeting on 10/12. Success club started this week and is running on Tuesdays and Thursdays until after the winter holidays. Then, it is scheduled for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, until March 17. Picture retake day is 10/20. Our PBIS first quarter celebration is scheduled for 10/18, with a rate date of 10/19. We will be having the students enjoy some yoga with Mrs. Carlson, from Ridge. The end of the first quarter is 10/22.
- iv. Hille - Picture retakes 10/27. Graduation pictures are scheduled for 11/17. We are looking to do a Halloween music concert on 10/27 with the 8th grade band, choir and show choir. Girls volleyball took 1st place in regular season and 4th place in the tournament. Boys volleyball took 3rd place in regular season and lost in the tournament quarterfinal round to Independence. Girls basketball had tryouts and picked their teams for both the 6th/7th grade team and the 8th grade team. The Cross Country 2021 2A Sectional D Meet has their Sectional meet coming up on 10/9 at the Round Barn Farm in Manhattan. Hille will be hosting a Conference Cheer Coaches Clinic on 11/1.

D. Committee Reports

- i. Communications Chairperson - all has been updated.
 - i. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Website
- ii. Membership Committee - There are 5 more people that want membership and calendars.
- iii. Calendar Committee - It is \$200 for 25 calendars. We have 5 people that are willing to donate their calendars. We feel that it doesn't make sense to order 25 calendars right now.
- iv. Dine Outs
 - i. Doug's Dogs-Oct. 5th - Was held along with Savers clothing drive.
 - ii. Five Below- Tentative-Nov. 18-24th - We are waiting on their manager to approve at the Tinley location on 191st.
- v. Fundraisers:
 - i. Savers Updates - We have one more day. This is going well. Trailer is almost full. We have to have a count on the 12th and will turn it in and get weighted on the 19th.
 - ii. Smencils-Holiday's - We are going to pull these out for Trunk-or-Treat.
 - iii. Double Good Popcorn - Dawn will look into this for more information.
- vi. Trunk-or-Treat-Pumpkins & Pizza Committee - We had to change the date to 10/20. Forms with the information were sent out at the beginning of the month. As of yesterday, there is about 140 people interested in the event per Facebook. Finalizing layouts on 10/13. We will be selling concessions and smencils. Jack Hille will bring parade float and will play music. We are anticipating all hands on for trunk-or-treat.

3. Representative Reports

A. Teacher Representatives - The kids are excited about going into the library again. It is important for kids to physically see the books. The kids are doing a great job at working, wearing masks, being in school. They come to school happy, with smiles on their face.

B. School Board/Administration Representative - Ridge gym ceiling is complete. Staff was very flexible during the construction time. Schools are doing a lot of contract testing to maintain safety. We have started Shield testing. 2 tests were rejected for writing on the test tubes. The kids did great. We will continue to urge parents to sign up for testing. The yoga mats have been a huge hit.

4. New Business - Kristen found Taffy apples at Aldi's and suggested that we can give these to teachers. It is a 3 pack for \$2. The apples would have to be wrapped individually before handing them out. We can also buy a few bags of candy for each school and put in the teachers lounge for them to enjoy. This needs to be brought up to Tracy when she returns home.
5. Closing and Adjournment - 8:06 pm