

Ridges PAC Meeting Minutes September 8th, 2026



Call to order 7:01pm

In Attendance: Miranda Johnson, Tamsen Brown, Kari Roach, David Raver, Larry Todd, Nick Culbertson, Kelsey Culbertson, Nicole Hewitt, Jackie Begley, Athena Lomando Lee, Claudia Rodriguez, Justina Campos, Erica Sorenson, Coby La Tempa, Mikaela Boyd, Amy Seely, Morgan DiGiallonardo, Victoria Hudson, Tera Harder, Melinda Courtney, Amanda Mulder, Annie Mills, Miranda Flowers, Cassie Trahan, Nick DiGiallonardo, Feliza Ortuno

Approval of June Minutes- Davey & Amanda second; unanimous approval

Icebreaker- your name, child's name+grade, one thing you're excited about this school year

President's Report – Annie Mills- watch out for spam emails!

- Meet and Greet/Supply Night and first day of school went very well, first year of showing apparel and getting people to go on the site and get the sales. First day signs being more simple went really well, a plus is that they are reusable.
- **Back to School Night September 24th 5:30pm-7pm**
 - Ideas for PAC involvement: teachers loved having a PAC directed scavenger hunt, bingo board?, turn it in and get a treat, theme ideas? Sticker contest station, something on the insta/FB.
- **Ridges Farmers Market October 7th-** unicorn coming! Will need many volunteers for before prep and also during.

Principal Report – Miranda Johnson-farmers market is back! Grant from nutrition services, 5-6 local produce and kids showed up under cover and got to pay \$5 of fake money to shop at the vendor booths, apple cider fruit, all of it. Received funding. Happens during a 30 minute PE period. K orientation went well, added a 4th teacher because lots of new K kids. K will all be back on Thursday. 25 sections pre-k through 5. 640 students. Carry over in staff, only two new actual teaching positions. A few last IA hires and we'll be good to go.

Treasure Report – Erica Sorenson- p&l will be passed around. Itemized report, beginning of year has less spending. Seeing FUNRUN \$ come through. September should show a big bump in income. *Bylaws:* we could use some better clarity like what is a reasonable operational expense that legally protects us. Making sure there are no misuse of funds. IE: pac meeting set funds, hospitality spend should not exceed X amount. No alcohol purchase with NP funds. Any questions can be directed toward Erica and have a vote to make sure it's reflected as a team. If anyone wants a print out of finances, let Erica know. Lets check all the old QR codes. An opportunity to share that the money gets spent in the current year for FunRun on our social media and meetings.

Committee Reports

- **Fun Run – Friday October 2nd** Amanda Mulder- biggest and only fundraiser. Working all summer to get sponsorship. !10,100, all will go on banners and back of Tshirt, in kind

donations are high, kid related donations get raffled off, adult donations get raffled to the teachers. The school goal is \$90k. After Dark Party will have a mini carnival and scavenger hunt, field trip will be to Big Als, plus principal for the day, Adams Screenprint field trip. Jamba donated free smoothies for every kid, the principal will be slimed. Fun Run assembly is the **25th** and envelopes will go home the week before FunRun, due back the week after. Water bottles will be clear but the logo will be color. Fun Run schedule is not done but we will know this week. Most likely use the same field day popsicles

- **Volunteer Coordinators** – Kari Roach & Tamsen Brown- 133 approved volunteers. Simplified for parents. Must be approved before any volunteering. Do your background check NOW before all the field trips and class parties start. Signs around the school instead of paper. The bulletin board in the office will be updated regularly.
- **Popcorn** – **Thursday 1:15-2:15** popcorn prep. Popcorn on Fun Run day is all good. On the 1st Friday of every month mostly, the entire school gets popcorn. Thursdays are popcorn prep. We now have 3 machines so it should go by much more quickly. Volunteers to help bag and delivery. Emails will go out!
- **Events & Hospitality** – Victoria Hudson and Tera Harder- TY to Tamsen for staff favorites lists, fall conferences are **October 22-23rd**, dinner night is **22nd**. Homemade desserts or store bought is cool too. Email the ladies to see what help they need. Staff count needed. **Feb 22-26 staff appreciation.**
- **Communications** – Nick DiGiallonardo and Jackie Begley-first year of sharing responsibilities, fine tuning who is doing what, request anything wanted shared to email. Updating website photos and staff favorite sections. Social media: videos vs static posts. If you have an idea about a reel or video that can be made, send to the email. Any dates to add to the calendar, please send to email. The newsletter is out and will be on the website.
- **Apparel** – Amy Seely- First Spirit apparel that can go straight to the families, lots of personalization and options. Thanks to the team for getting all communication out. Put a link on the website. 3rd quarter sales, \$706.15. Commission \$70.54.
- **Chess Club** – Larry Todd- Starting **October 14th** once a month \$20 for the whole year that includes tshirt, 1 meeting 1 a week at 7am. Disperse between groups. Drop off and then dismissed from the chess club. Last year there were 90 students. We have a 70-100 expectation for this year. End of January/February is the tournament, regional is early March, Ridges tournament late March. The last club will be in the middle of March. 1-5th grades only.. Great roster of volunteers. Sign up + deadline to come. Parent volunteers also need background checks.
- **Passport Club** – Mikaela Boyd- ramping up prep meetings start through October and run through May, hoping by the end of week to have a date confirmed for the entire calendar, email Miranda to get more info out to parents. Runs monthly before school starts. 7:15-7:45am.
- **Art Lit** – Candee Ward, JoAnna Simnitt and Coby La Tempa- chance to be in the class with the kids quarterly. Coby and Joanna will shadow Candee and then the baton is passed. 1st Art Lit will be **November 2-20th**, next **January 25-Feb 12**, last **one April**

19-May7th.We would love to include parents in on supply nights where they can prep supplies for each lesson.

- **Student Store** – Feliza Ortuno- just finished sending all the dates out, similar to last year because the schedule works and consensus is positive. Wednesdays will be right after school till 1:45, 7:30-7:45 on Fridays. Searching for different things to attract kids and bring them in.
- **Fundraising** – Melinda Courtney- Kona ice \$65, Handels \$130. **Jersey Mikes 30th 4-9pm** 20% total sale or stating Ridges sales? We don't know yet, but we will find out.

New Business: none

Adjournment 8:27pm