

Board of Trustees, Ridge and Valley Charter School
Regular Meeting Minutes

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ridge and Valley Charter School was held on February 15, 2024 at 1234 State Route 94, Blairstown, NJ 07825. The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Dave McNulty, Facilitator. The Trustees operate on a consensus basis in all matters. We choose to dispense with Robert's Rules of Order and Conventional Parliamentary Procedure. Our intention is to affirm the mission of the school. Ridge and Valley Charter School offers an integrated, experiential course of study in the context of the universe and its interrelationships. Adequate notice of this meeting had been made in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975 in the New Jersey Herald, the County Superintendent's office and with the County Administrator.

| | present | absent |
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| Voting Members | | |
| Kerry Barnett | X | |
| Julie Budzinski-Flores-left @7:45pm | X | |
| Kasey Errico | X | |
| Jenn Gurdak | | X |
| Dave McNulty | X | |
| Jessi Sohl | X | |
| Cindy Terranova | X | |
| Julie Wiedemann-Ball | X | |
| Non-voting members: | | |
| Robin Balles, Infrastructure Coordinator-left @7:53pm | X | |
| Lisa Masi, Integration Coordinator | | X |
| Traci Pannullo, Curriculum Coordinator | X | |
| Theresa Radline, Business Coordinator | X | |

Facilitator: Dave McNulty Guardian: Jessi Sohl Recorder: Theresa Radline

Public Participants: Jamie Murray

Trustee Circle Opening: convened 6:04pm

Public Participation: Jamie Murray shared concerns regarding her daughter receiving enough free and imaginative play during the day. She was excited to see the wood chips were delivered for the Gaga Ball Pit.

Correspondence: None

Leadership Team Updates:

Integration Coordinator Report: Traci Pannullo reported on behalf of Lisa Masi:

1. Current enrollment is 134 students. One open spot has been filled since last month.
2. Enrollment for the 24-25 school year is at 135 students.

Infrastructure Coordinator Report: Robin Balles reported:

1. The January Professional Development concentrated on gardening, nourishing, and planting for the spring. The guides reflected on last year and all are excited for what is to come.
2. We had a soft opening for the Gaga Ball Pit. Galaxy West got all of the wood chips in place right before the snow hit. She appreciates the Parent Committee's work on the fundraiser and those who helped put it together.

Curriculum Coordinator Report: Traci Pannullo reported:

1. We have a new counselor, Noelle Brock, from Lakeside Counseling. She is proactive, organized and is great with the kids. There are seven group sessions and four one-on-one sessions running this cycle.
2. Discussion was held around Warren County Technical School having their graduation the same day as RVCS.

Business Coordinator Report: Theresa Radline reported:

- Approval of January 18, 2024 minutes. Approved unanimously.
- **Resolution 02.15.24a** To pay bills for the dates of January 18, 2024 through February 15, 2024 in the amount of \$233,574.12 which includes payroll. Approved unanimously.
- **Resolution 02.15.24.b** To approve the Board Secretary and Treasurers' Reports for January 2024 and to certify that no major account or fund has been over expended and to confirm that sufficient funds are available to meet the school's financial obligations for the remainder of the year. Approved unanimously.
- **Resolution 02.15.24.c** To approve the request for a waiver of the requirements to maximize SEMI participation based on 40 or fewer Medicaid eligible classified students. Approved unanimously.
- **Resolution 02.15.24.d** To approve contracting with Accurate Pest Control to provide IPM management services for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$275.00 initial setup fee and \$165.00 per monthly service. If new stations are required, each will be provided at a cost of \$45.00 per station. Approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Communication: The Leadership Team shared that they sent out the Publicity position to the staff. Dave McNulty shared that the donate button is at the bottom of the homepage of the website and may be better in a more prominent location.

Facilities: Robin Balles shared that the committee had a meeting last week and they discussed the dumpster enclosure and long range facilities plans.

Finance: Dave McNulty shared that the committee met on Tuesday and is working on the 24-25 school year budget.

Parent: Julie Wiedemann-Ball and Jamie Murray reported that:

1. The committee had two meetings this month. One was in person after assembly and the other was on Zoom in the evening.
2. They were grateful for Kerry Barnett's attendance at the evening meeting. She answered a lot of questions the committee had.
3. A guide spoke about having a poem book
4. They discussed having Terra Cycle at Julie Wiedemann-Ball's store.
5. The possibility of a community cleanup at Footbridge Park through a grant program was discussed.
6. The Gear Swap will take place March 21 and 22
7. Discussion was held around supporting the guides and the possibility of room parents.
8. Kyra Dosch-Klemer offered to create a website and others discussed a newsletter for the committee
9. There was excitement around the possibility of having a Tricky Tray. Discussion was held around the need for their own 501(c)3. Theresa Radline offered to help with the Tricky Tray.
10. Minutes of the meetings will be shared in the Friday newsletter
11. The committee is using Telegram to communicate and it is working well

Policy:

2nd reading and approval of Policy:

6164.1 Intervention and Referral Services for General Education Students

Other Business:

- Summer Camps will be held July 8-12
 - Little Nature Lovers and Tree to Spoon: Woodcarving Workshop camps were unanimously approved.
- The Yass Prize was discussed

- The 20th Year Celebration Committee met last Friday and discussing future plans
- The Trustee Retreat was discussed
- The Spring development will take place on March 13 from 2pm-6pm. A call will be setup for February 29 @7:00pm to invite guides to participate in planning.

Executive Session to discuss personnel and potential litigation: 7:20pm

Return to Public Session: 8:20pm

- **Resolution 02.15.24.e** To accept the resignation of Sena McClain, effective March 8, 2024. Approved unanimously.
- **Resolution 02.15.24.f** To approve offering and accepting a Leave Replacement Teacher/Guide contract with Mary Paulson from February 26, 2024 thru June 30, 2024 at a salary of \$37,500.00, pro-rated. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 8:23pm

Theresa Radline, Board Secretary