Travell Home and School Association General Membership Meeting Minutes

Friday January 25,2019

9 AM

Attendance: K. Ramsahai, Mrs. Nevins, Mr. Boshart, Mrs. Marchioni, R. Brown, M. Agatep, E. Martin, E. van Mossel, M. Cho, K. Park, D. Ryan, C. McHugh, A. McAskin, L. mcTeague, S. Kapadia, J. Tesseyman, M. Frisina, L. Henky, C. Malloy, K. Kirtane, T. Lee, D. Ryan, Dr. Leininger, Sergent lembo, Detective Mormino, and Mike Renke

Call to Order/Welcome: Presidents Cori McHugh and Denise Ryan welcomed everyone to May’s General Meeting.

Teacher Update – 3rd Grade – Mrs. Nevins, Mr. Boshart & Mrs. Machioni

School Resource Director – Detective Mormino

* 14 years of service in public safety
* Former student of Ridge, GW and RHS
* Job is to foster positive learning environment in the schools’ while being safe
* Keeping kids and faculty safe is the #1 priority
* Issue was raised about school security during after hours events, ie Girl Scout Dances, etc
* Issue raised about security of children during school hours on voting day
  + Det. Mormino is in discussion with BOE about this
  + Agrees with HSA on the security concerns identified
  + There is an increase in police patrol district wide
  + Will raise our concerns to the BOE
* Issue raised about inappropriate searches done by kids on school assets
  + These searches are flagged to the appropriate faculty and discussed with the student
* Discussion about cyber security education for students – the need to have something
* Law Enforcement Against Drugs – LEADS – will be rolling out soon.
  + This program replaces DARE.

District Security Officer – Mike Renke

* 4 kids in district schools – BF & RHS
* 20 years in law enforcement
* Kids are safe in this district – but we can always do better
* We are all stakeholders in the area of concern
* Balance always needs to be looked at between security, cost and freedom of movement
* Area of focus has shifted to looking at identifying kids that maybe a concern.
  + Identifying issues early before something happens
  + Leakage on social media outlets, is FB, Instagram, etc

Principal’s Report – Dr. Leininger

* BOE election will take place in April over the break
  + Consider absentee vote if you will be away
* Spirit Day for IraTravell – went well
* Family Fun Day –
  + Discussion about kindness
  + Continue to do the Friday Pledge
* Kindergarten registration
  + Online registration is now open
* Author Visit
  + Phil Binder
  + 2/13/19
* Teacher’s Assistants
  + Currently 3 have left
  + In process of filling vacancies
* Wizards Game
  + 1/25/19
  + Dr. Leininger and Mr. O’Herlihy representing Travell
* 5th Grade – Band and Orchestra performance
  + 1/30/19 at 9:30 AM
  + Looking to incorporate the vocal performances that typically happen in December with the Ban and Orchestra performances into one performance starting in 2020.
  + General comments were positive for this move to happen.
* Amy Gerard-
  + Surgery went well
  + Not sure when she will be back
  + Temporarily filling position – but unsure as for how long

Sheila Brogan – BOE

* Super Science Saturday
  + 31st year being held in the district
  + March 2nd 9-1:30 PM
  + Liberty Science Center – “Dose of Gross” presentation
  + Hall of Science and Experience Zone
    - 31 ft. egg drop experiments will be held at 11, 12 & 1 PM
  + Lego Center, Petting Zoo, Pascak Pioneers and their robot, Ridgewood Mega Space
  + Rocket launch will take place at 1:30 PM
* Ridgewood Library Maker Space Workshop
  + 2/9 from 10-4
  + Sign up necessary

Presidents’ Report – Cori & Denise

* April mtg will be used to vote in the new HSA board members
* Thank you to the following people for their leadership in the following events:
  + Bagel Day – Nicole Cohen &
  + Bookfair – Marissa Frisina & Jen Banks
  + Dance Night –
  + Travell Wear –
  + Bake Sale – Lara Cohen
  + Drama Club – Leia Scharfenberg
  + Bingo Night – Cat Gray
* 21st Century initiative
  + Pricing out equipment for one 5th grade class that will facilitate collaboration amongst smaller groups of students.
  + We are targeting one 5th grade class to evaluate the effectiveness of the equipment as all 5th students will have the opportunity to use the new equipment.
  + Long term plan would then be to provide the same equipment to the rest of the grades as deemed necessary
  + In discussion with the faculty to look at the potential for standing desks for each teacher.
* Executive function/organizational skills –
  + Discussion about the need of this skill for the younger grades to set them up for success in middle school
  + Questions raised:
    - Can we use the planners that are distributed in September in a more effective manner?
    - Is this the right planner to be using?
  + Potential to talk about the planners at Back to School night along with a note to parents about planners.

VP Report – Anne & Meghan

* Spirit Wear – made $711 in last sale
  + Spring Sale being planned
* Bingo Night
  + 35 families signed up
    - Thanks to Mrs. Lauro for donating the white board for use on Bingo Night
* Drama Club
  + T-shirts and head shots are being delivered and currently taken
  + Sign Up genius being sent out to seek additional volunteers
  + DVD forms out by Tuesday
    - Question arose about the potential to offer a USB drive as an option vs a disc.
* Ladies Night – 80’s Theme
  + Feb 22nd 8-11 PM
  + Knights of Columbus
  + Will be offered on Tiger Pass soon for $25/person
* Movie day
  + - Saturday Feb 23rd 10 AM
    - Ridgewood Bow Tie Theatre
    - $10/ticket
    - Movie – TBD
* Science fair
  + March 1st
  + Sign up forms have already been posted on e-News
  + Bake Sale to be held during the afternoon viewing of the Science Fair
* Men’s Night
  + March 21st 8 PM  
    Christ Episcopal Church
* Teacher Appreciation
  + Week of April 1st
  + Door Decoration to take place 3/29
  + Communication to go out shortly
* International Expo
  + May 2nd & 3rd
  + Theme – “Traditional Clothing”
  + Informational Meeting to be held Feb 8th 2-3 PM Tiger’s Den
* Mayfair
  + May 18th
  + Needs a 2nd Arts and Crafts Chair
  + Dunk Tank sign up for 5th graders will take place via Tiger Pass again
  + Stop and Shop has declined our request for food donations
  + Will be placing requests with InSerra and Trader Joes’
* Yearbook
  + Please send pics to [travel.yearbook.18@gmail.com](mailto:travel.yearbook.18@gmail.com)
  + 5th grade dedication needed by 3/1
* TicToc
  + April 9th – poetry offering
  + 1B, 3B and 5F still need volunteers to assist
  + Email Yishane at [yishane@gmail.com](mailto:yishane@gmail.com) if interested

Treasurer’s Report – Karen & Surbhi

* Fundraising
  + $ 17,218 to date
  + Bulk of funds coming from:
    - Scrips - $ 2759 ( does not include January numbers)
    - FOT - $ 4775
    - Directory Sales - $2292
    - BookFair - $3001
    - Bake Sale - $ 591
    - School Kidz Supplies - $ 1278
    - Travell Wear - $ 931
    - J Crew - $ 281
    - Box Tops - $ 406
* Budget
  + Against a budget of $44,755 we have spent $20,685; 46% spent to date
  + We have spent on the following programs:
    - Enrichment Programs - $ 5000
    - Circus - $ 5400
    - Field Trip Buses - $ 4500
    - School Planners - $760
    - Holiday Gift cards - $938
    - Federated Dues - $1000
    - All School Books - $2000
    - Accountants Fee - $1300

VP Fundraising – Marissa

* Sky Zone Fundraising event will not take place this year upon further evaluation
* FOT –
  + Checks coming in slowly
  + Looking to utilize outdoor banners to communicate goal and status update to general school population

VP Enrichment – Min-Hee & Kate

October General HSA meeting minutes approved by Cori and Denise

The Retention Policy that was posted two weeks ago for review were unanimously voted in and will not become part of the Travell HSA by-laws.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am

Repectfully submitted by Karen Ramsahai