

RCS BOD MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2022

CTO/Pledge of Allegiance, 5:00pm

Present: Dr. Schuemann, President; Mr. Trosper, Vice President; Mrs. Menon, Member-At-Large; Mrs. Stanton, Treasurer; Mrs. Hamlin, Secretary; Mr. Anderson, Headmaster; Mr. Carpine, Deputy Headmaster

Community Members: Mrs. Mount, Mrs. Siegal, Mr. Mather, Mr. Rankin, and Mr. Rutherford (all in person)

Ms. Cohen, Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Poonen, and Mr. Mount who joined at 6:15pm (all virtual)

Motion: Move to adopt February consent agenda, January action review, notes, and minutes with friendly amendments.

Moved: Dr. Schuemann

Second: Mrs. Menon

Vote: Unanimous

Board Reports

Headmaster: Provided an extensive update on school events. While small adjustments are still being made, overall, the changes made in the upper school this year seem to be working well. The timing of tutorials is still being adjusted for elementary school. Middle and high school students of the term were named in January. There was discussion around faculty retention and the results of a February media survey sent to parents.

Deputy Headmaster: Provided a facilities and security update. Supply chain issues are complicating camera switches. Foul language and dress code issues continue to plague the upper school.

Dean of Students: Middle school sports continue to go strong. The girls' volleyball team made it to the championship playoffs. Overall, 474 students participated in clubs at RSC during the first trimester. The robotics team won the regional competition and is headed to the state championship. Mental health issues continue to be at an increased level.

Academic Dean: Michelmas term update: elementary classes are mostly on track, with some grade slightly behind in math and/or science. Upper school progress is more varied. Most Math and Science classes are behind their expected schedule. Provide the board with information related to the number of failing middle & upper school students for Michelmas term and the percentages of failing students by individual teachers.

Admissions: Provided updates on enrollment changes and lottery numbers for the coming year.

Registrar: All necessary reports have been sent to the district. Work continues on scheduling for third term and next year. Kudos to the teachers who ALL got their grades in on time.

Attendance: December attendance stayed above 90%. January saw 7 days where attendance was below 90%. It was noted that there were a number of post-holiday COVID cases in January, which contributed to the drop in attendance.

Information Technology: Provided updates on copiers, printers, the camera system, and facilities management systems. FMX should make scheduling easier and help prevent double bookings.

Media: Provided updates on website and social media use. Continues to track ads and competitiveness with similar schools. Reviewed upcoming and ongoing projects including promotional videos and faculty profiles.

President: Reported on contracts that she had signed on behalf of the board. Also gave an election committee update including the following dates: Nuntius announcements regarding Election Seat throughout Feb. 2022, March 31 Board Packets due at the front office, April 12 Candidates meet with Faculty, April 27 Candidates in the PAC, May 2 – 6 Voting, May 6, 2022, All School Address and Board election voting.

Vice President: Reported on SAC. The parent survey is being updated and should be ready for release in March after spring break. Asked the board for feedback with regards to spending priorities.

Treasurer: Provided Business Office report, noting no red flags or issues of concern. Also provided an update on both the Hoedown and FACE committees. The Hoedown committee is actively seeking a venue and donations for the auction. FACE is planning to purchase smaller guitars for music lessons.

Secretary: Reviewed the volunteer reports for December & January. Both months had decreased volunteer participation compared to the average of previous years. Discussed some changes and reasons as to why that might be.

Member-At-Large: Discussed alumni page coming to Facebook and how current/upcoming legislation could impact the school.

Board Business

Policy AP 6.0 Reporting: The Board voted to adopt the revisions of Policy AP 6.0 with friendly amendments as follows:

For students to be successful, they and their parents should have access to their standing in class. In addition to the regular grading of assignments, the following means will be employed to inform parents of their student's academic progress:

- After the third full week of school, parents will be encouraged to check student grades online to familiarize themselves with their progress.
- Parents may request a conference with their child's teacher or faculty advisor at any point during the year and they are encouraged to do so if they have concerns. At the midpoint of both Michelmas and Hilary terms, teachers will reach out to parents of

students who are under-performing to request a meeting to discuss strategies to help students progress academically, intellectually, socially, and morally.

- If a student is determined to be struggling or performing significantly below grade level in a class, a meeting may be scheduled with parents, the teacher, and other faculty and staff as deemed appropriate.
- Grades can be viewed at any time during the school year. Student report cards are completed following the end of each term and will be made available upon request.

Moved: Mrs. Menon
 Second: Mr. Trospen
 Vote: Unanimous

Policy AP 7.15 Graduation Requirements: The Board unanimously voted to adopt the revisions of Policy AP 7.15 as follows:

The academic year at Ridgeview's high school will consist of three trimesters. Completion of one trimester of a course with a passing grade will typically earn 4 credits. A full load of courses in an academic year is 80 credits.

All coursework completed with a passing grade in 9th through 12th grades will appear on the student's high school transcript and will be used to calculate the student's grade point average. A passing grade in a course signifies completion of the content standards delineated for that course. In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, the required credits must be satisfactorily completed before the date of graduation.

At Ridgeview, the majority of student coursework will be in required subjects that will develop a core knowledge of the liberal arts and sciences. Ridgeview will, however, offer a variety of electives so that students can direct their learning into areas of individual interest and personal development. *All IDEA, IEP accommodations and modifications will be honored in the application of this policy.*

Math *In addition to meeting the credit requirements, students must successfully complete Algebra II or higher in order to graduate.	40 credits
English	40 credits
Science * 10 credits each in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Earth Science.	40 credits
History	40 credits
Seminar/Capstone/Senior Thesis *2 credits for freshmen and sophomores, 4 credits for juniors and seniors, 2 credits for Senior Thesis.	14 credits
Foreign Language *Students must prove proficiency through Latin II. Students planning to attend college should earn 30 credits of the same foreign language at the high school level or successfully complete Level 4 of a foreign language.	20 credits

American Government *includes Colorado history and government.	8 credits
Economics	4 credits
Moral Philosophy	8 credits
PE/Wellness @ 4 credits/year *A fitness assessment can be taken annually to earn credit and waive out of PE for the year.	16 credits
Electives *an additional 60 credits are available for electives.	30 credits
TOTAL	260 credits minimum

To graduate with a Ridgeview degree, students must graduate with a GPA of 1.7 or higher in all of the core subjects required for graduation (American Government, Economics, English, History, Latin, Math, Moral Philosophy, and Science). The Headmaster, or a designee, will review the transcripts of students transferring to Ridgeview's high school to determine which requirements have been met and what further courses are needed to graduate. Ridgeview reserves the right to review the suitability of transfer credits. Seniors must successfully complete a Senior Thesis, pass a Senior Leaving Exam, and possess a minimum of a 1.7 GPA in all core courses their final year.

Moved: Mrs. Menon
Second: Mr. Trospen
Vote: Unanimous

Policy SE 10.0 Enrollment: The Board unanimously moved this policy to a second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Stanton
Second: Mrs. Menon
Vote: Unanimous

Policy SE 2.0 Attendance: The Board unanimously moved this policy to a second reading with amendments.

Moved: Mrs. Stanton
Second: Dr. Schuemann
Vote: Unanimous

Policy SE 6.0 Student Agenda: The Board unanimously moved this policy to a second and final reading.

Moved: Mrs. Stanton
Second: Mrs. Menon

Vote: Unanimous

Policy SE 8.0 Parent Involvement and Volunteering: The Board unanimously moved this policy to a second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Stanton

Second: Mrs. Menon

Vote: Unanimous

Board Business – Discussion Items

COVID – 19 Update: Masks are now optional, but Ridgeview continues to be vigilant. All sanitizing protocols continue. Temperature checks and hand sanitizer are still done at the front door.

School Fees- There was a discussion led by Mrs. Stanton about all-school fees and what they are specifically used for. The fees were last increased three years ago.

Summer retreat: Location ideas were solicited by the President.

RCS 2022-2023 Academic Calendar: An updated calendar was presented to the Board.

Community Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting.

Moved: Mr. Trosper

Second: Mrs. Menon

Vote: Unanimous

Open Meeting adjourned: 7:57 pm

Next meeting is currently scheduled for March 9, 2022, at 5:00pm in the RCS R2 Conference Room