



October 2017 - MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order - Ridge Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

▪ Agenda Items

1. Spirit Week/Pep Rally Take Away
2. PTO/Municipal Alliance Program 10/25 @ 7pm PAC
"You Cannot Be Replaced"
3. ESS Program
4. Shop Rite Cup Winner (3rd Year in a Row)
5. Band Competition October 21st
6. FTGOTO

▪ Attendee Names

- ❖ Drew Krause - Principal
- ❖ Tom Thorpe – Assistant Principal
- ❖ Alyson McCauley – PTO Co-President
- ❖ Christine Ziegler – PTO Co-President
- ❖ Achint Kaur – PTO Co-VP Communications
- ❖ Betsy Bacot-Aigner – PTO VP, Newsletter
- ❖ Elaine DiDario – BOE Representative
- ❖ Ged Ong – PTO Co-VP Communications
- ❖ Rebecca Cuadros – PTO VP, Programs
- ❖ Shannon Yu – PTO Co-VP, Volunteers
- ❖ Lisa Laurino – PTO Secretary and 10th Grade Class Parent
- ❖ Doreen Beim – 9TH Grade Class Parent
- ❖ Vandana Mehta – 9th Grade Class Parent
- ❖ Yongyong Tang – 10th Grade Class Parent
- ❖ Kristina Folkhart – 11th Grade Class Parent
- ❖ Dorit Kransdorf – 12th Grade Class Parent

Agenda Items



1. Spirit Week/Pep Rally Take Away

Spirit week went well and the students were respectful. The first pep rally in four years was a good start and improvements will be made going forward. There were 500 students, which was a record number, at the Homecoming Dance. Credit needs to be given to the Senior Class as they exemplified leadership. The selection process for the nominations for King & Queen is unknown but will be determined.

2. PTO/Municipal Alliance Program 10/25 – “You Cannot Be Replaced”

This is a reminder about the upcoming Proactive Parenting workshop. An article is included on page 11 of the 10/19 *Bernardsville News*.

3. ESS – Effective School Solutions Program

This program provides high-quality and cost-effective in-district therapeutic services for students in need. There are 2 full-time clinicians who also provide programming. The Nurtured Hearts is a peer-to-peer program that is a part of ESS and will be presented to teachers and parents.

4. Shop Rite Cup Winner (3rd year in a row)

What is the ShopRite Cup? Six cups (one per group) are awarded at the conclusion of competition for Fall, Winter and Spring based on most points earned during state championship competition. (General Classification is used to determine school's group for this competition.) Ridge High School has won the Shop Rite Cup for Group IV in 2015, 2016 and 2017. The plan is to have the banners displayed in the New Gym atrium.

5. Band Competition – October 21st

Ridge Band Competition 4:00 p.m. at Ridge

6. PARCC

2018 PARCC testing was discussed. The test will be administered at Ridge on April 24-27, which includes an ELA field test on one of the days. Per the State of NJ, the test must be taken by all students in grades 10 and below as a requirement for graduation. Contractually, NJ is obligated for 1 more year.

Alternative Programs are being considered that week for students who are not required to test. The school is considering Community Service Projects, such as Build-A-Bike for underprivileged children. Another suggestion for those students taking AP exams is to have a structured AP review at that time.



7. Tutorial Center

There is a new pilot program underway for providing extra help to students instead of the Tutorial Center. The Administrators of each department approached Principal Krause back in July suggesting changes. Data suggested that students prefer working with their own teachers and there was only a very small number utilizing the Tutorial Center for help. At Back to School Night, most teachers mentioned their availability during the day and before and after school for students to go to them for extra help. If this pilot is successful, the Tutorial Center will be repurposed in the next few months. Teacher's schedules are posted under the Tutorial Centers on the website plus they are available for period 0, before school.

8. For the Good of the Order (FTGOTO)

Math League

- Participation is down because extra credit for participating is no longer an option.
- Extra credit will no longer be given for this because the school is moving towards Standards Based Assessment, which evaluates kids on what they actually know instead of the extras they do to boost their GPA.

PSAT

- Parents were wondering why the test is given on a Saturday instead of during school hours.
 - ◆ We tried it in 2015 but it didn't work and was too disruptive to the curriculum.
 - ◆ Teachers are not compensated for help administering and supervising during the test if done during the school day

Homecoming 2018

- May move it to September so as not to conflict with PSAT'S, Band Competition, etc. but the new 6pm start time for the Homecoming Dance worked well.

Junior and Senior Prom dates for 2018k

- Senior Prom – May 18th
- Junior Prom – April 27th

Yearbook Ordering

- There was some confusion because an email was sent to some Ridge Families from Jostens urging them to order their Yearbooks.
 - ◆ A communication will go out clarifying timeline for ordering, ads, etc.