



SEPTEMBER 2017 - MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order - Ridge Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

▪ Agenda Items

1. School Spirit/Campus Aesthetics
2. Spirit Week
3. First Home Football Game
4. Aspen
5. Security/Crisis Management
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▪ Attendee Names

- ❖ Drew Krause - Principal
- ❖ Scott Thompson – 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
- ❖ Lisa Laurino – PTO Secretary and 10th Grade Class Parent
- ❖ Rebecca Cuadros – PTO VP, Programs
- ❖ Shannon Yu – PTO Co-VP, Volunteers
- ❖ Doreen Beim – 9TH Grade Class Parent
- ❖ Elaine Edge – 12th Grade Class Parent
- ❖ Vandana Mehta – 9th Grade Class Parent

Agenda Items

1. School Spirit/Campus Aesthetics

Principal Krause felt certain changes needed to be made to the school to show our school spirit. The Ridge flags that are hanging off of the lamp posts around the building were ordered and installed. The PTO Board approved this gift to the school. As well as the signs that were added to the fence around



the football field. New carpets for the entrance to the school were also purchased. These are things we can work on together to make all students, faculty and visitors feel that this is our home.

2. Spirit Week

Principal Krause is meeting with Student Government, Friday, September 22nd to discuss Spirit week. He met with RJ Milligan, Senior Class President already. All the students want a Pep Rally. Administration is not opposed to having a Pep Rally but the students need to understand what is expected of them in terms of conduct before, during and after. The Senior Class needs to be good role models for the underclassmen. All grade levels need to create unity and be 1 Ridge!

3. First Football Game

This was the first Football Game our new principal, Mr. Krause, attended and he was very impressed. The energy level was unbelievable. The Super fans were out in full force but were well-behaved and genuinely had a good time.

4. Aspen

We are still working out the kinks. Any transition is difficult especially with the enormity of student data that needs to be transferred from one system to the other. It will take some time to adjust to the new system. Aspen has many benefits and it has a lot of capabilities. One concern that was voiced is that there is a small discrepancy between GPA from HAC and GPA from ASPEN. IT is working diligently to rectify the discrepancy. In the meantime, any senior can go to The Guidance Office to get a copy of their transcript for college applications. Overall underclassmen seemed to have transitioned easily. Aspen's Parent Portal is still set to go live on or around October 1st.

5. Security Crisis Management.

Assistant Principal Thompson is currently working on an initiative for the security of the building. The way you can access the building needs to be revised. Administration is currently looking into different options before deciding on one. A PAC member inquired about the difference between all Standard Response Procedures - Lockdown, Lockout, Shelter-in-Place, Evacuate and Hold. These SRP's are based on actions that cover many different scenarios. Here are the definitions for each SRP. **Lockdown** is when there is a dangerous situation in the building where students need to stay in the classroom they are currently in. Teachers are contacted and they sweep kids into their classroom and lock the door. Everyone in the room goes where they can't be seen until help arrives. **Lockout** means that there is danger outside of the building. It is business as usual inside the building but administration and staff won't allow anyone to get in. **Shelter in place** is when there is some sort of weather condition that would prohibit students and staff to safely leave the building. Students, Faculty and Administration move to lower parts of the building (interior walls) to seek shelter. **Evacuate** is when there is an incident in the building that requires administration and staff to evacuate the students such as smoke, hazardous odor, etc. If buses are not allowed onto the campus for some reason students would then be reunited with parents at a different location close to the school. The Student/Parent Reunification plan is currently being worked on. **Hold** is if a student or faculty has a medical emergency such as



fainting, seizure, etc. The teachers are then asked to keep the students in their classroom until help arrives.

6. For the Good of the Order (FTGOTO)

Ridge Cellphone Policy. Students can use their cellphones at any time at Ridge high school except when they are in a classroom during instruction. Phones should be turned off when they enter the classroom and turned on when they leave.

Alcohol Policy for kids that fail the breathalyzer – Passive Breath Alcohol Sensor Devices (PBASED) are used to detect alcohol consumption at school events pursuant to Policy 5535. Should a student display a non-negative result with the PBASED, Policy 5530, the suspicion based policy, will be implemented. Policy 5530 calls for a student to be tested if there is a reasonable suspicion that he/she may be under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance and consequences for a positive result after such testing is conducted. If they don't want to be breathalyzed then they can't come in to the school event/function. For safety reasons the student needs to be checked out. A question was asked about what percentage of kids are tested randomly. For last week's football game, 30 to 40 students were tested.

Random drug testing is done once a week, 3 – 5 students are chosen randomly. Students are picked early in the morning from a study hall or early lunch period. Roughly 25% of students are currently participating. Participation needs to increase for the safety of all students. Kids respond better to consistent boundaries and expectations.

Gifts to School – It would be nice if each graduating class gifted the school with something for which to remember them. This idea will be discussed with the class advisors.