

Richard Hardy Memorial School Board Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Moment of Silence

Meeting called to order: By Chairman Missi Moore.

Board Member Rhkisha Whisnant was absent.

I. Reading of the August 23rd, 2022, minutes. (Approval/Disapproval): Fred Newcome made the motion to approve the August 23rd minutes; Chairman Missi Moore 2nd the motion; motion carried.

II. Standard Business:

Principals Report: Sharon Newcom

- We hired a new kindergarten teacher...Ellie Hall...she is doing a great job.
- The seniors started the Krispy Crème Doughnut sale to raise money for the prom...sale started on the 15th.
- The interact club had popsicle sales on September 7, 8 & 9th after school to raise money for their club.
- September 15^{th,} we had grandparents' day & family reading night. We hosted around 100 grandparents, and everything ran smooth.
- September 15th we welcomed the new Pre-K students....we went from 4 to 12 students total.

- The week of September 12-16 we had the Book Fair...it was a success, we did good!
- The paranormal group was here on the 16th...everything went well and it was a success.
- Our school enrollment is getting better...we are up from 173 in August to 185 presently.

Financial Report: Jennifer Olton

All financials are up to date and current; there were no questions.

III. Old Business:

Sharon Newcom reported how great our historical building looked. TN restoration still have a little more to do and plan on working during our Fall Break.

IV. New Business:

Budget Amendment: Jennifer Olton explained that the amendment was due to more staff being put into place and that by hiring a full time IT person we were saving a substantial amount of money instead of paying for a person through Version3. Fred Newcom made the motion to approve the budget amendment; Chairman Missi Cox 2nd the motion; motion carried.

New Accounting System: Jennifer Olton explained that the State recommended that we move to the Local Government system for our accounting and payroll needs. There are so many things that quickbooks cannot do that Local Government can. We must create journal entries for almost anything we do, which is very time consuming and can easily mess up what we are working on. Local Governments process is so much more streamlined. The cost for local government is higher than what we pay for quickbooks but has many benefits. The board decided to table this item and would be discussed further at our next meeting.

Trainings/workshops/field trips/fundraisers:

. Trainings:

• Sharon Newcom will be attending the Superintendent Study Council meeting in October—the date is TBA.

Fundraisers:

- Flags for Heroes: To raise money for our Music and Arts Department, they would like to sell American Flags, to honor the heroes of our past and heroes of today. A form will be sent out requesting what name to be labeled on the flags, and the flags will be displayed all around the school grounds. The cost will be \$3.00 each.
- Leo/Interact: will be selling Boo Grams during the month of October.
- Family Resource will be hosting an outside Movie Night on October 20th. (Free)
- Seniors: Would like to sell Sonic Coupon cards the first week of October. The cost is \$10.00 per card.
- Prom: Halloween Dance will be on 10/28 the cost will be \$5.00 and will include popcorn and a drink.
- Seniors: Halloween movie on October 31st, the cost will be \$5.00 with a snack.
- Seniors are planning to have a "face painting" booth at the Fall Festival.

Fieldtrips:

- This needs approval now due to having to reserve the date and do a down payment: January 27th, 4th and 5th grade will be going on a field trip to Medieval Times outside of Atlanta.
- Senior Breakfast outing on October 6th. This would be a few hours off campus in the morning.
- Seniors are planning a pumpkin patch trip to "Down on the Farm" in Rainsville, Al, November 4th. Students will drive per our requirements. We will also stop for lunch and coffee.
- This is another trip that needs prior approval for reservations. Seniors would like to go to Gatlinburg for three days/2 nights. We tentatively are looking at March 8-10th. These dates might change depending on room availability.

Dates to Remember:

- Fall Festival will be held on October 27th.
- Costume Parade and Trick Treat will be held on October 31st
- Red Ribbon Week is: 10/23-10/31. Speakers will come in from the UT office and College students to speak with our students and we will have dress down days that week..no cost.

Fred Newcom made the motion to approve all trainings/workshops/field trips/fundraisers; Chairman Missi Cox 2nd the motion; motion carried.

**Chairman Missi Cox resigned her position as chairman and as a board member. She has nominated Jackie Howard to take her board member position. Jackie Howard will be sworn in at the next board meeting. A new Chairman will also be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday October 25th, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Board Member

Director, Sharon Newcom