

SCA Minutes  
Walnut Ridge  
October 5, 2015

**Board Officers:** President: Kim Rivera, Vice President: Trisha Furman-Leve , Treasurer: Jorge Troche, Recording Secretary: Alleen DeJager, Corresponding Secretary: Carrie Baker

**The AM Meeting was called to order at : 9:40am-10:24**

**The PM Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm**

- **Presentation by:**

- Mr. Joseph: **Reading Strategies That Work**

- Mr. Joseph demonstrated a video of a book walk using the book, *In The Waves*. ( Can be viewed on Mr. Joseph's Youtube page)

- Picture Walk: Focus on

- Character Name and Traits (glasses, blonde hair, necklace, confidence, likes to read )
- Character Thoughts and Feelings
- Predictions
- Connections
  - Text to Self
  - Text to Text
- Types of Questions:
  - Ask Thick and Thin Questions when reading to children
  - Thick= What if, Why did, why is, What would happen if, How did, How would you feel if...?
  - Thin= Who, What, How many, Where, When?
- Just Right Books: **5 Finger Rule**
  - 0-1 Missed Words= Too Easy
  - 2-3 Missed Words= Just Right
  - 4 Missed Words =Give It a Try
  - 5+= Too Hard
- \*\*\*\* DRA level will help with choosing a "Just Right Book" DRA levels are given in Grade 1
- Build a Flip Book: Video Shown demonstrating how to create a flip book. Mr. Joseph gave out sample Flip Books to demonstrate
- Reminder Book Fairs: Grandparents Day and Conferences

- Book Bags. Mr. Joseph is using book bags to keep library books protected. The children will use the book bags to transport library books safely to and from the library.
- Mr. Joseph demonstrated his media page on the web.
  - Go to vtsd.com
  - Click on Walnut Ridge
  - Click on Media Center
  - Click on Tree House Talk.
  - Click on Benjamin Joseph
  - Subscribe to Mr. Joseph's YouTube page
- **Project Self-Sufficiency AM Presentation by : Haley McCracken**
  - PM Presentation by: Kathy Nauta**
    - Non Profit Organization
    - Main Site out of Newton
    - 2 New Programs: County Council for Young Children: Shared Leadership Between Parents and Professionals. How can we enhance collaboration for children.
    - 10/21 9am or 6pm session Dinner and Breakfast offered during the meetings. Representing school age children, infants, toddlers, preschool children, and children with special needs.
    - Literacy Strategies, Rights with Special Education,
    - Central Intake: Federally Funded as well: Helping Parents connect to resources. Any resources that may be needed.
    - Hoping to have Parents from Vernon to serve on subcommittees: Spanish Speaking, School Age Families, Parents of Children with Special Needs,
      - Child Care is Provided during the meetings to assist parents with attending.
      - Parent Cafe on the site Monthly Mommy Parties: What are your needs and how can we help you
    - Handouts were given regarding upcoming presentations, committee information, and contact information.
- **Principal Rosemary Gebhardt's Agenda:**
  - Goal to Build Community and Bring Programs to the school
  - FALL Harvest Open House
  - Simon Says: Class Rules and School Rules through play. Steve Max comes and kids learn to listen to directions and follow Rules
  - Friday October 2nd: Kyra Willy Nationally known : Teaches the Songs through Yoga. Kids were dancing, shouting, and cheering during the event.

- *Clark the Shark*: Emphasized the simplicity of drawing using shapes and through the use of shapes you could draw pictures. Sang songs and read book
- Family Dance Night: Last Friday. Mr. M customizes for the audience. Next Family Dance Nights are October 9th and November 13th.
- October 5th-9th Week of Respect: This week Mr.s Keane will present mini lessons to compliment Week of Respect
- In Service Day : Monday, October 12th School Closed
- Wednesday, October 14th Picture Retakes
- October 15th Board of Education Public Meeting at 7 pm in Lounsberry Hollow Middle School
- October 15th: Walnut Ridge will host the Child Assault Prevention Parent Meeting at 6:30pm
  - Grade 1 Only:
    - must sign consent form for participation.
    - Teaching children how to be safe in their surroundings.
    - Strategies and Activities for when they are uncomfortable.
    - **At this meeting parents should not bring children**
- Friday, October 16th Family Reading Night at 6:30pm
- In Two Weeks WR will hold Red Ribbon Week: Focus is on staying healthy and making healthy choices.
- Conferences:
  - October 20th: 4-7:30pm
  - October 21st: 2:15-4pm
  - October 22nd: 4-7:30pm
  - October 23rd: 2:15-4pm
- October 24th : Monster Mile PAL and SCA sponsored
- Mr. Joseph: Mind Travelers Program to encourage to read. Two children from each grade will receive a certificate
- Book Swap coming up October 26th at Rolling Hills from 6-7:30
  - WE will keep vouchers...if they bring in 10 books they receive a voucher to get 10 Books from the swap.
- Pre-Assessments have concluded. Ask teachers how they did. 1st grade they receive DRA level as well.Promote Literacy in the Home
- Wednesday, October 28th Family Math Night 6:30-7:30pm
- **SCA Kim Rivera**
  - **New Business:**
    - Teacher Donations for the Teacher Luncheon during Parent Conferences
      - An email will go out with the times and requested donations

- Pumpkin Assembly: we are waiting for confirmation regarding Weiss donating pumpkins to be painted
  - **Mrs. Gephardt's friendly reminder: At this assembly we ask that parent volunteers do not bring additional children.**
- November 11th: Walnut Ridge Veterans Day Parade
- November 13th : 1st grade Family Dance Night
- November 21st: Create a Masterpiece Event
- November 23rd-24th Parent/ Grandparent Visitation
- \* Parent Volunteers will be needed for Book Fairs
- **Old Business:**
  - Parents Night Out Beefsteak Canceled. Attempt Again in the Spring
  - Spirit Wear fundraiser ended on September 18, 2015
- Attendance AM :
  - Christine Mentone
  - Linda Allen-Poole
  - Colleen Celentano
  - Clarissa Piper
  - Katie Lally
  - Jennifer Horler
  - Meagan Arnold
  - Jamie Bruesehoff
  - Dayna Germinario
  - Casey Pelek
- Attendance PM
  - Karlie Huff-Heidt
  - Casey