

SCA Minutes  
Walnut Ridge  
September 7, 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 9:37 A.M.**

**The PM Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.**

- **Presentation by: Mrs. Keane School Counselor.**
  - Mrs. Keane briefly described her role in the school and explained that throughout the year she may:
    - Work 1:1 with specific children to ensure students are having a good day
    - Take First Graders to lunch bunch as a group
    - Come to the classroom to discuss specific topics
  - Feel free to Email and Call with any questions or concerns
  
- **Principal Rosemary Gebhardt's Agenda:**
  - The district web site has important information and in an effort to go paperless, most information is provided on the web page.
  - As a state, we teach under Common Core State Standards. There will be a large state committee to review Common Core State Standards. Vernon has their own curriculum to teach those standards
  - InfoSnap:
    - Kindergarten parents received information regarding Registering Kindergartners.
    - Contact info should be updated through InfoSnap.
  - The district switched from my Big Campus to Schoology. Another online platform. Teachers will post announcements, homework, etc...
  - Readers/Writers Workshop: Students Use Mentor Text in this program
  - Foundations: A multisensory phonics program which compliments Readers/Writers Workshop.
  - Centers are utilized in each classroom to provide differentiation. The Centers are constructed based on levels to ensure student based instruction.
  - First grade guided reading groups begin after the DRA are completed.
  - Kindergarten starts guided reading after January
  - Wed. September 9th Bus Safety Program
    - Two buses come to the front of the school and bus drivers discuss safety, seat belts, and all bus rules.

- Saturday September 12: Fall Harvest Open House 11am-1pm (rain date 9/19).
  - Community Events and Community Members will be present...Karate Schools, Project Self-Sufficiency, Dance School, Academic , and Some foods provided by Sodexo.
- September 17th: Simon Sez Assembly
  - Focus is on Teaching Rules in the classroom in an entertaining way with music.
- September 22nd Kindergarten teachers will continue Foundation training. September 23rd will consist of training for first grade teachers.
- Dedicated Dads of Walnut Ridge: A way to involve male family members in the schools.
  - Thursday Sep 24th at 6:30pm.
  - Fathers, Uncles, Grandfathers are all welcome. They may Volunteer in different ways...
- Author Bruce Hale visits Walnut Ridge at 9:40am and 10:40am
- Principals Forum September 29th
  - School Counselor and Reading Specialist will present as well as the Speech and Language Pathologist.
- Book Fair:
  - Will run during the week of conferences October 20th-23rd.
  - There will also be a book fair during Grandparent Visitation Day
  - Information will be provided on the web Site.
- Conferences: There will be 4 days of conferences to allow more time with parents and teachers.
  - Tuesday October 20th- Friday October 23rd.
  - Parents should be aware that the other schools will not have a fourth day of conferences.
- Grandparents Visitation Day: November 24th and 25th.
- Book Swap: Will take place at Rolling Hills October 28th for all K-4 children.
- Demonstrated Web Site:
  - New Company
  - Coming Events are along the side of the site
  - Calendar is displayed as well. Click on WR calendar and hover over specific date and information will be provided regarding events on that date. Can see times as well.
  - Principal's Blog
  - School Messenger: You will get a call if you forgot to call your child out sick for the day.
  - School News:

- Digital Backpack: Very Important
- Highly Recommend using Foundations Kits on the site to assist children with foundation.
- **SCA Kim Rivera**
  - **New Business:** 2015- 2016 Fundraisers
    - Spirit Wear: 9/18 is last day for those orders
    - Gertrude Hawk: November 2nd and February 1st
    - Beefsteak October 17th
      - Last Day for tickets is September 30th.
      - \$45 tickets.
      - Will take place at Barry Lakes Club House
      - Catering by The Brownstone
    - Halloween Costumes: We receive a percentage of the proceeds from costume sales
    - Father/Daughter Dance: February
    - Mother/Son Laser One Night: Wed. April 13th
    - Monster Mile October 24th : Volunteers will be needed to assist during lunch periods on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
    - Create a Masterpiece November 21st.
      - 10:30 Pre-K
      - 1:30 and 4:30 K-1
      - \$20 per canvas. 40 available slots.

**Reminders:**

- Walnut Ridge Fall Harvest Open House (9/12)
- Walnut Ridge Picture Day (9/16)
- Dedicated Dads of Walnut Ridge Kick Off Meeting (9/24/15)
- 1st Grade Family Dance Night: October 2nd (2 Volunteers will be needed)
- 1st Grade Family Dance Night: October 9th (2 Volunteers needed)
- Walnut Ridge Reading Night: October 16th
- **Old Business:**
  - School Supply kits/ composition notebooks/dictionaries purchased and distributed. They are still available if needed. In front office if needed.
  - Back to School Staff Lunch. Thank Everyone for donating
- **Parent Questions:**
  1. Is it appropriate for parents with small children to volunteer at events if they need to bring their additional children with them?  
**Mrs. Gebhardt's response:** It depends on the event. Parents may email Kim and ask before committing to the event.

2. Why were conferences moved up in the calendar?

**Mrs. Gebhardt's response:** To allow faculty and parents to address specific problems earlier in the marking period. With conferences being earlier in the marking period, an appropriate and effective plan may be put into place to ensure the success of the child. (This is not a direct quote but rather a summary of what Mrs. Gebhardt stated)

3. During the evening meeting a parent asked for details regarding Shoparoo. The board agreed to send an additional flier to assist parents with this app.

**\*\*\*\*\*Treasurer Reported that we made \$377 on Back to School Kits.**

- Attendance: AM
  - Dayna Germinario
  - Christine Mentone
  - Leslie Okeefe
  - Sasha Oatley
  - Cathy Costa
  - Erin LePore
  - Cathy Bobbie
  - Linda Allen-Poole
  - Stacy Berberich
  - Karlie Huff-Heidt
  - Clarissa Piper
  - Tegan Perrotta
  - Beckie Sajban
  - Colleen Wehre
  - Linda Benoski
  
- Attendance PM:
  - Keri Carrino Bracchi
  - Jen Kimkowski
  - Lisa Brunell
  - Yvonne Logiudice
  - Heather Miller
  - Allison Giudicelli
  - Christina Weiss
  - Casey Pelak
  - Marisa Teiner
  - Dana Devery