

SEPTEMBER 2014 BOARD

MEETING MINUTES



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Date: Thursday, September 18, at Sun Prairie High School

Board Members Present: Betsy Butler, Jill Conaway, Tim Culver, Nancy Everson, Krista Kaltenberg, Jimmy Kauffman, Mike Krachey, Patrick Malinowski, Reggie McGee, Stephanie Rohner, Casey Montanio, David Rippl, Corey Shefchik, Kelly Shipley, Chris Swenson, David Thwing, Chad Wojtysiak.
BEP Members: n/a **Guests:** Dora Swafford, Joe Johnson.

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order 7:34 a.m. by Patrick Malinowski.

Thanks to Summit Credit Union for hosting this morning.

II. Approval of 8/21/2014 Minutes

Correction made to spellings of 2 names. Motion to approve by Nancy Everson; seconded by Mike Krachey. Motion carried.

III. Introduction of Guests/Parents

Patrick Malinowski

Patrick Malinowski and Tim Culver introduced Dora Swafford and Joe Johnson from Costco Wholesale. Both spoke to the structure of their company and the company's philosophy, expressing a strong desire to become more involved with the community and in particular the school community in Sun Prairie.

IV. Student Feature

A student will be chosen soon and will attend the October board meeting.

V. Finance/Budget Report

Nancy Everson

Very minimal activity was reported this month as projects are just starting to get rolling.

VI. Old Business

A. Calendar of Events/Meeting Locations/Annual Meeting

Malinowski/Everson

If you could perhaps host a meeting, we are still looking for locations for January and February. Cassie Montanio and PPA volunteered to host in February. Next month is at Day One Pizza and November is at Wilde Honda.

B. GRIT Campaign

David Rippl

Butler for Everson

Secondary GRIT Campaign (grades 8-12):

David Rippl recapped the grade 8-12 GRIT Program and explained our roll-out campaign to create awareness of the project. Nancy Everson explained that the Chamber of Commerce and DPI love our project. The Chamber has shown support and Everson will be asking the mayor for a proclamation for the program. Again, GRIT stands for Give it your all, Ready to work, Initiative, and Teamwork. Businesses would be able to submit their nominees via a Google doc using this link: <http://tinyurl.com/BEP-GRIT>.

The program is changed slightly for Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School as students at this level do not have jobs. The teachers will receive the GRIT grid and be asked to nominate students 4 times a year. A committee there will review the nominees, and business leaders will be asked to come into the building and recognize students.

Elementary GRIT Campaign:

Krista Kaltenberg explained how the program will recognize students at the elementary level. Everson is looking at pencils 16 cents each; t-shirts donated by Ameriprint are all ready to go. Concern was expressed by Montanio about all students being recognized. The board maintains that the program allows for all students to achieve these goals over the course of the year and earn all four pencils as stated by Wojtysiak. Thwing explained the PBIS program and how it runs separately from our GRIT program. Culver expressed concern over the equity of the GRIT program, and the board requested that this be monitored throughout this pilot year.

We will need a BEP member to lead the recognitions at each elementary school:

Jimmy Kauffman volunteered to be an elementary school volunteer coordinator for Northside.

Conaway reported that she met with teachers at Sacred Hearts, and Sacred Hearts will continue their current No Late Work program as is. Staff there will monitor how our GRIT program is going and make possible adjustments later.

Middle School Recognitions: Shefchik and Rohner expressed concern over the carry-through of the GRIT program through grades 6-7. This will be examined after this pilot year and may require some retooling/rebranding of the grade 6-7 program for the following year.

- C. **Breakfast of Champions** Patrick Malinowski
This program will be discontinued as the program which fed this event has been redesigned.
- D. **Other** Nancy Everson
The city economic development council is making a video for people to access to gain information about Sun Prairie; information will be going out to businesses soon about this.

VII. New Business

- A. **Language Change for Endowment Fund** Betsy Butler

A motion was made by Kauffman to amend the board's investment policy under "Investment Policies & Objectives" in section C, part b to read: "Amounts exceeding the donated amount up \$1.00 - \$10,000 can only be used to supplement the General Fund." And to amend section C, part c to read: "In the event the amount in the Endowment Fund exceeds the donated amount by more than \$10,000, the amount in excess of the \$10,000 may be used to further the mission of the SPBEP as agreed to and approved by the Board of Directors. The Finance Committee is responsible for notifying the Board of Directors of the availability of the Funds when the amount in the Endowment Fund exceeds the donated amount by more than \$10,000." The motion was seconded by Everson. The motion carried.

- B. **Meeting Locations for 2015** Patrick Malinowski
Covered previously.

- C. **Vote on New Board Member** Patrick Malinowski

A motion was made by Rippl and seconded by Swenson to fill a vacant board position with the addition of Chad Mojtyasiak from Wilde Honda to the Board. The motion carried. Welcome, Chad.

D. Other

Patrick Malinowski

Malinowski requested that the agenda order change starting in October under Current Business, moving Membership to letter A under Current Business instead of F. All agreed since membership is the lifeblood of the SPBEP.

VIII. Current Business

A. Administration

Betsy Butler/Stephanie

Rohner We will explore other opportunities for annual meeting location at the addition of Buck & Honey's, formerly known as Plate & Barrel. The BEP directory update will be finished in September and come out in October. Nick Delbuono will again work with Stephanie Rohner in updating the website. She will add photos from last spring and the updated directory soon. Butler will take board member photos starting next month. Everson and Butler will create information about the GRIT Program for the website and the paper.

B. Scholarship

Tim Culver

Culver had to leave prior to this segment. Nothing new at this point according to Everson.

C. Student Recognition

Nancy Everson

Four students at the high school will be recognized for improving their GPAs 1.0 point. One student will be recognized at Cardinal Heights. Dates for recognitions will be forthcoming.

D. Vocational

Nancy Everson/Jill Conaway

The Adopt-a-Class program was explained by Jill Conaway as it has run. Nine years ago we had 60 partnerships, and the number has dropped significantly for various reasons. Jill spoke with Junior Achievement as a possible way to revive this program. Concerns were raised by various board members about keeping this a truly BEP program. Rippl, Wojtyasiak, and Kauffman suggested that this program be "re-tooled." It is the board's recommendation to keep this program our own and re-tool it. Existing partnerships will stay intact for this year, and Conaway will draft a letter to explain that the program will be evolving. Malinowski will create a committee to look to accomplish the task of re-tooling.

E. Academics

Nancy Everson

In the Reading Buddies program, we have 35 first grade classes this year. All partnerships have been covered at this point.

F. Membership

Chris Swenson

Swenson reported that the new membership drive will start in November. With this year's dues closing out, we have surpassed the previous year's dues amount. We have been stagnant for several years, so this has been the first year of growth in quite some time. Everson asked our guests for feedback as to the best way to approach new businesses. Several ideas were shared.

IX. A motion to adjourn was made by Krachey; seconded by Rippl. Motion carried at 9:14 a.m.

The next meeting BEP Board Meeting is on Thursday, October 16, 2014, at 7:30 a.m. at Day One Pizza.

cc: BEP Members, Administrative Team, School Board Members