

DECEMBER 2014 BOARD

MEETING MINUTES



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Date: Thursday, December 18, 2014, at the home of Shirley Statz

Board Members Present: Betsy Butler, Karen Bailey, Sharlot Bogart, Jill Conaway, Nancy Everson, Krista Kaltenberg, Jimmy Kauffman, Patrick Malinowski, Reggie McGee, Mooly McGrath, Casey Montanio, Stephanie Rohner, Tyler Sheehy, Corey Shefchik, Kelly Shipley, Shirley Statz, Chris Swenson, David Thwing, Chad Wojtysiak. **BEP Members:** Anthony Bonds, John Magas, Statz Family

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order 7:32 a.m. by Patrick Malinowski.

Thanks to Shirley Statz for hosting this morning. The Statz family shared information about their milking parlor expansion and the upcoming Farm Technology Days, August 25-27, 2015. Go to danecofarmtech.com to learn more or to volunteer. The event should bring in for over 60,000 attendees.

II. Approval of 11/20/2014 Minutes

Motion to approve by Sharlot Bogart; seconded by Nancy Everson. Motion carried.

III. Introduction of Guests/Parents

Patrick Malinowski

n/a

IV. Student Feature

Tyler Sheehy shared feedback from Reality Rocks, saying he learned a lot in the hour and a half it took for him to go through the experience (231 students went through it this round). He shared that it felt unorganized and rushed to him, but Bogart shared that that's reality. The staggered start times seem to work well; most staff felt the flow of students was the best ever with minimal lines. Globe University attended to watch the process; they are interested in doing something at their school. Swenson stated he felt the sign-off sheets still needed some work. The next Reality Rocks is April 22 for 243 students. It was also suggested that we have a break area where students can go to organize and think. Sheehy suggested more helpers as well. Overall, it was stated that the economics teachers had prepared students well for the event. Sheehy also shared that the bowling team was in second place.

V. Finance/Budget Report

Nancy Everson

The wrong report was copied so Nancy Everson will report next month. Roughly \$1300 in expenses and \$1300 in revenue came in. Reality Rocks costs about \$110, and work on the website was \$240. Reading Buddies money is coming in.

VI. Old Business

A. Calendar of Events/Meeting Locations/Annual Meeting

Malinowski/Everson

We are set for meeting locations. Mock interviews are coming up in January (January 13) and Everson will send out emails asking for help.

B. Reality Rocks Debrief

Nancy Everson

Butler for Everson

We continued the discussion from before. Chad Wojtysiak suggested a change in the order of the steps for students and members discussed this idea. This was focused around concerns over

teaching students to invest and plan for retirement. There is interest in doing this; the committee will meet with economics teachers in February to work on this.

C. Business Awards - GRIT

Patrick Malinowski

The question was brought forward to see if we wanted to create a special award for participation in the GRIT program. Bogart and Wojtysiak stated they felt that the recognition process and what is done with the program is enough recognition for businesses as it is. We do have special awards given at the annual meeting that address high involvement of individuals and businesses when looking at all BEP programs.

D. Other

n/a

VII. New Business

A. Adopt a Class for 2015-2016

Jill Conaway

No feedback has come in from the survey sent out. Jill Conaway did speak with Sacred Hearts teachers, and those partnerships are working well. Conaway will set up a committee meeting with Rippl, Malinowski, and Butler to discuss revising the program. More will be coming back to the board soon.

B. Other - Sun Prairie Leadership Class Presentation

Nancy Everson

We have been asked to come and make a presentation at the chamber's next Leadership Class group on February 18 at 8:45 a.m. regarding school involvement. Please let Nancy Everson know if you are interested in attending. Everson also shared that a team from Milwaukee School of Engineering was at the high school today working on the certification process.

VIII. Current Business

A. Membership

Chris Swenson

Deb Schenck sent the dues/membership letters out. Swenson is interested in redesigning the membership kit.

B. Administration

Betsy Butler/Stephanie Rohner

Butler discussed some additional recognition that will need to happen at the annual meeting. Stephanie Rohner reported that the website has been straightened out and is working better. We will look at our site at the next board meeting at Prairie Phoenix Academy.

C. Scholarship

Tim Culver

Nothing new at this time.

D. Student Recognition

Nancy Everson

Everson suggested Tyler Sheehy visit one of the recognitions at another school to see what is happening. Students (23) will be honored at Cardinal Heights on Friday for improving their GPAs 1.0, while the high school recognition of 100 students already has happened with several volunteers from Frontier.

E. Vocational

Nancy Everson/Jill Conaway

Sharlot Bogart reported that the Health and Wellness Committee is excited about the GRIT program and the changes we have made to celebrating student success. Elementary teachers are very pleased with the posters and these will now be shared district wide.

F. Academics

Nancy Everson

Nothing new to report at this time. Programs continue.

IX. A motion to adjourn was made by Kauffman; seconded by Bogart. Motion carried at 8:52 a.m.
**The next meeting BEP Board Meeting is on Thursday, January 15, 2014, at 7:30 a.m. at
Prairie Phoenix Academy.**

cc: BEP Members, Administrative Team, School Board Members