

**NOVEMBER 2015 BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**



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Date: Thursday, November 19, 2015, at Day One Pizza

Board Members Present: James Ackley, Karen Bailey, Betsy Butler, Seth Degnan, David Dison, Nancy Everson, Marta Hansen, Krista Kaltenberg, Shannon Krachey, Patrick Malinowski, Cassie Montanio, David Rippl, Stephanie Rohner, Brad Saron, Tyler Sheehy, Corey Shefchik, Chris Swenson, Phil Wiedenbeck, Chad Wojtysiak. **BEP Members/Guests Present:** Pete Goetsch, Rick Hudson, John Magas, Scott Nigbor, Kent Orfan, Jenny Stebnitz.

Agenda Items

- I. Call to Order 7:34 a.m.** by David Rippl.
- II. Approval of 10/15/2015 Minutes**
Motion to approve by Patrick Malinowski; seconded by Karen Bailey. Motion carried.
David Rippl thanked David Thwing and Day One Pizza for hosting today's meeting.
- III. Parent Forum - N/A**
- IV. Introduction of Guests/Parents** David Rippl
Rick Hudson, counselor, is here from Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School to speak about the Career Fair. Dr. Scott Nigbor from Elite Chiropractic and Pete Goetsch from Fleet Feet are also joining us today.
- V. Student Feature** Tyler Sheehy
Tyler Sheehy reported that it is DECA week at the high school. Tyler heard a great speaker who is credited as the inventor of the mylar balloon.
- VI. Treasurer's Report/Budget 2015-2016** Nancy Everson
Nancy Everson reported that our big expense this month is the folders for GRIT at approximately \$3600. Reality Rocks is coming up and will have some costs as well.
- VII. Membership Report** Chris Swenson
Chris Swenson reported that all materials are being updated to be consistent. Invoices are going out in December. Swenson is also collecting contact names at new businesses, so please send him those names. Jenny Stebnitz stated it is very important to get people all involved right away in BEP events. Swenson asked to use the GRIT folders as part of the marketing for new members. All agreed this was a great idea.
- VIII. Pending Activities**
 - A. Calendar of Events/Meeting Locations** Nancy Everson
Shirley Statz will host the December board meeting. Reality Rocks is Wed., Dec. 16.
Need 80 volunteers for this event. GPA Recognitions are also coming up the week of Dec. 7. Watch for emails from Everson.

B. Career Fairs

David Rippl

David Rippl shared the history of the Career Fair going back to the Career Expos at the high school. Rick Hudson is here to help with the discussion of how the Career Fair needs to be changed possibly. How do we feel the engagement of this format is currently working? What are ways we can improve? There was concern about the timing of the event as it hits the same week as the event at the middle school where many volunteers are needed that same week. Career Night this year is set up for February 2. Hudson spoke about the new counseling model and how students are discussing professions at younger ages. Ideas of how to get students to interact more with businesses were discussed. Stebnitz said any exposure to careers is good. Thwing agreed and suggested lunchtime talks at the high school. Magas suggested students move in small groups with interactive presentations. Shefchik mentioned the computerized career assessment students take as a way to group. Rippl asked for members to provide feedback and for members to discuss this idea with others. Business members (Krachey & Hansen) asked that events be more spread out over time, with no multiple events during any one week.

C. Job Fair Opportunity

Nancy Everson

Everson asked the board if we are interested in getting involved in hosting job fairs for students. Thwing mentioned that he has a need and would come at any time. It was discussed that during lunches may be a good time to set this up, maybe on a certain day of the week. Wojtysiak mentioned that the website might be a good place for some of this information as well. Rippl mentioned maybe a "Help Wanted" Wednesday format at lunches with an email link to the websites. Swenson expressed his concern that BEP and GRIT be associated with this idea, maybe with a well-placed banner.

D. GRIT Campaign

Kaltenberg, Rippl, Butler

Everson reported that Logan Friese was honored at Subway for the GRIT award. Kaltenberg stated that students loved the folders and that all elementary schools have completed the first round of recognitions. Swenson provided feedback that students are now "getting it" by gaining an understanding of the meaning of each of the aspects, i.e. "initiative." Thwing asked if BEP members are present at recognitions. Creekside did not have any BEP members there. Rippl reported that Cardinal Heights has 5 students to be recognized soon. The high school level has 6 more students to recognize as soon as we can get the ceremonies set up. Rippl would like to create a postcard to send out to our businesses to remind them to participate by nominating more students. At the middle school level, Swenson stated that students were unclear about the reward/gift card. This information should be part of the incentive communication.

E. Reality Rocks

Patrick Malinowski, Nancy Everson

Everson reported that all prices are now updated. They need more ideas for the Fate Cards and she asked members to give ideas.

F. Web Site

Stephanie Rohner

Rohner and Kent Orfan shared the Website design & Development Plan with the board. They are now requesting the content to build the site. Please take photos at events. Butler will create a Google site for the photos. The plan is for the site to be up and running after the start of the new year. Please send information to Stephanie by Dec. 4.

G. Reading Buddies

Nancy Everson

Everson stated that all pairings are set and materials (bookcases) have been delivered.

H. School & Business Partnerships Proposal (“Adopt-a-School”)

David Rippl

Rippl and Ackley reported that this is still in the works and the idea will be taken forward to the leadership collaborative team (principals) in the near future.

I. Status of Adopt-a-Future

Brad Saron

Brad Saron shared the history of the Adopt-a-Future program: 5th graders are identified who have potential but who may be at-risk dependent upon various factors. We have 15 listed in the system with one recipient last year. Saron also shared information about the district website and the school space planning committee meetings.

IX. Ongoing Projects

A. Adopt-a-Class

David Rippl

Nothing new at this time.

B. Prairie Voices

Betsy Butler

X. New Items Brought Forward

Everson asked if recognitions for improved grade point averages are best held at 8 a.m.

The response was in the affirmative.

XI. Adjournment

David Rippl

A motion to adjourn was made by Wojtysiak; seconded by Everson. Motion carried at 9:00 a.m.

The next meeting BEP Board Meeting is on Thursday, December 17, 2015, at 7:30 a.m. at the home of Shirley Statz.

cc: BEP Members, Administrative Team, School Board Members