

DECEMBER 2016 BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

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Date: Thursday, December 15, 2016, at the home of Shirley Statz

Board Members Present: Shirley Statz, Seth Degnan, Nancy Everson, Bill Meister, Chris Swenson, Krista Kaltenberg, David Thwing, Andy Enders, Patrick Malinowski, Cassie Montanio, Karen Bailey, Chad Wojtysiak, Jill Conaway, Jeff Boudreau, Taran Katta, Betsy Butler. **BEP Members:** Joe Statz. **Guests:** none.

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order 7:40 a.m. by Seth Degnan

II Approval of 11/17/16 Minutes

Motion to approve by Everson; seconded by Swenson. Motion carried. Thank you to Shirley Statz and family for hosting the meeting this morning. Joe shared an update on the farm and business.

III Parent Forum - N/A

IV Introduction of Guests/Parents

Seth Degnan

No guests today.

V Student Feature

Taran Katta

Taran shared that Reality Rocks was yesterday. Went well. Smooth, went very fast. Set up was aided by FBLA starting at 8 p.m. Seven students helped. Students find the checklist confusing. What was required/optional caused confusion. Writing checks still an issue. Students had fun; most did really well. Boudreau raised concerns over the tarp and students tripping. Banking is going electronic, so we discussed that there was no reason to write checks at stations. Malinowski said the number of checks is reduced to 5 as is. Swenson said kids stated that they wanted some practice. Check writing is becoming very rare. Wojtysiak concerned about transaction of something physical, as there should be "pain in paying." Budgeting is not being taught. Budgeting is a life skill as is how to navigate the electronic world. Checkbook register is still important. We need to teach importance of credit and how to use electronic access fiscally well. Kids need to know how to write in the registers. Many students had money left at the end. Students need to be taught to reconcile registers as well. All econ classes teach how to write a check, but not much else related to that. Malinowski will take feedback on Reality Rocks, and he will meet with teachers in late January/early February. Taran stated that he would like to learn more about real life financial things he will face. Thwing said it would be amazing if they spent a whole week prepping for the reality of Reality Rocks. Conaway mentioned the splitting of costs with roommates and how students were working through that.

VITreasurer's Report

Nancy Everson

Nancy Everson reported that she did not do one this month. Too busy.

VIIalendar of Events

Nancy Everson

Meeting is at PPA next month; February - unknown. Possibly UW American Center.

1.0 recognition at the high school has not been done. Waiting for that - both HS and PPA, CHUMS,

VIIIcommittee Reports

Review of Committee Members & Chairpersons Seth Degnan & Betsy Butler
Butler distributed the committee structure; Degnan explained it. Degnan went through the committees. Adopt-a-School on hold at this point. Need a Working Wednesdays chairperson,

could be the new rep. Taran will help us transition there. Randy Enders will help with GRIT committee. Jill Conaway will help with Reality Rocks.

A. Volunteer

Nancy Everson

Everson is amazed that 79 volunteers showed up yesterday. Volunteers enjoyed their time there. Once you bring people in, they realize how great the students are. We need to get people involved and then they want to come back. Maybe bring in past RR vets to mentor. Orange vest idea.

B. Membership & Public Relations

Chris Swenson & Jenny Stebnitz

Swenson reported that Deb is swamped and has a lot of legwork to do. Next year we will need to go help her to get these things out. Swamped with enrollments. Betsy will call her today to see how we can help this year. Chris created the membership packets yesterday. He shared the contents with the board. Board loves the folders and the contents. Thwing thanked Swenson for being our driving force behind membership. Swenson discussed our status and how not being a non-profit hurts us with big corporations. Malinowski wonders if things are easier now for a 501c3. Swenson will check on this. Everson asked if we should look into the status change. We will table this discussion until the next meeting.

C. Reading Buddies

Seth Degnan & Nancy Everson

Nothing at this time.

D. Reality Rocks

Patrick Malinowski & Nancy Everson

This was already discussed.

E. GRIT Campaign

Rippl, Kaltenberg, Butler, Montanio

Everson reported that Culvers recognized 2 students for the high school program. Everson has question about pencils. Swenson suggested to order 2-3 years' supply at a time.

G. Adopt-a-School

James Ackley

Ackley not able to be here today.

H. Adopt-a-Future

Andrea Daniels

Everson reported that we have a fund for Adopt-a-Future. The amount of \$26,000 is in this fund. Giving the scholarships in 5th grade - many kids leave. Meetings in

the last couple of weeks. Looking at working with the AVID program. Nancy will discuss this with her committee and bring back a recommendation. Everson feels the support and ties with AVID will help build the connection that we have always wanted to build.

I. Prairie Voices

Betsy Butler

Butler reported that information will be going out to teachers right after winter break.

IX Unfinished Business

A. INSPIRE Program

Update next time

B. Website Updates Chad Wojtysiak

Update next time.

C. Working Wednesday David Dison

Dison not here. Discussed earlier.

D. Career Cruising David Rippl

Rippl not in attendance.

E. BEP Program Overview Flyer

Nothing at this time.

F. Career Fair at Cardinal Heights (January) David Rippl

Rippl not in attendance. Everson needs details if this is happening. Boudreau:

Have

we thought about partnering with the Chamber with events like this. Career Fair is

an

educational event. Working with the Chamber may be a help for this event.

X. New Business

A. Noodles coming to town

Everson met with them already, and they are interested.

B. Patrick Marsh Career Day is in February. Need volunteers for this program.

We have staffed this program before. Information will be coming.

XAdjournment

Seth Degnan

A motion to adjourn was made by Everson; seconded by Malinowski. Motion carried at 9:10 a.m.

The next meeting BEP Board Meeting is Thursday, January 19, 7:30 a.m. at Prairie Phoenix Academy.

cc: BEP Members, Administrative Team, School Board Members