

FEBRUARY 2017 BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

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Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017, at UW Health in the American Center

Board Members Present: Karen Bailey, Chris Swenson, David Rippl, Nancy Everson, Charles Staeven,

Seth Degnan, Bill Meister, Cassie Montanio, Krista Kaltenberg, Jeff Boudreau, Patrick Malinowski,

David Thwing, Jill Conaway, Chad Wojtysiak, Betsy Butler. **BEP Members:** **Guests:** Kathy Enstad

(AVID, SPASD), Sarah Smith (Sun Prairie Community Schools).

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order a.m. by Seth Degnan at 7:39.

II Approval of 1/19/17 Minutes

Motion to approve by Patrick Malinowski; seconded by Degnan. Motion carried. Thank you to UW Health for hosting. Degnan introduced Charles Staeven as the new representative from Frontier Communications on the board. Welcomes, Charles!

III Parent Forum - N/A

IV Introduction of Guests/Parents

Seth Degnan

Kathy Enstad AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) District Director spoke representing

the AVID program. Discussion has been held to modify our Adopt-a-Future program. Students apply

to be in AVID in 7th grade. There are 160 students in the program currently. Students attend an AVID

class every day. Students have shown amazing growth in this program. For the scholarship, students

would apply in grade 8 or be nominated by a content teacher. The required essay would be coordinated

with the AVID teacher. This pairing of the scholarship and the AVID program makes good sense due to

the business connection. AVID encourages guest speakers where the business partner could mentor

students quite easily and build a better relationship here. Questions to the board: Do we want to do

this? How many do we want to give? Do we need to communicate with the businesses? It is important to notify our business partners. We need to check the records to see which businesses have not seen a child graduate. A communication to all members needs to go out. Might current students who have received the awards be part of AVID? No, this does not blend. We might be need to have 2 programs for a while to filter all awardees through. Questions: How does this work with Sacred Hearts? Sacred Hearts students could apply at 9th grade for the AVID program. Conaway will look at the AVID criteria to see how it would work at Sacred Hearts. The group discussed how many scholarships to give out. Hausmann-Johnson Insurance has offered to sponsor one this year if we go with 3 scholarships. The Adopt-a-Future committee should decide how we more forward from here (Jill Conaway, Sharlot Bogart, Nancy Everson, Kathy Enstad). Degnan made a motion to move forward with the plan as presented. Seconded Conaway. Motion carried.

V Student Feature Taran Katta Taran Katta was not present today.

VI Treasurer's Report Nancy Everson
Nancy Everson reported that we have brought in \$2200 with dues; advertising & marketing printing costs have come in; poster costs for Reality Rocks, \$60 for the recognition at Cardinal Heights.

VII Calendar of Events Nancy Everson
The March board meeting will be held at Market Street Diner, hosted by McFarland State Bank. The April annual meeting will be held at Buck and Honey's again.

VIII finished Business
Replacement of Board Members: Discussion of possible members to recruit to the board. WPPI is interested, and they have a lot of employees and have been involved substantially. UW Health would be a great possibility. We will look to WPPI and UW Health. We will take nominations next month.

INSPIRE Program - ties to Career Cruising for students - Chad received information from Gene Dolhoff and is moving forward getting that out to BEP members and the chamber members.

Database for Deb Schenck & BEP - We will continue to work on this. What do we need? Needs are email blasts and contacts. We need to meet with Deb to better understand her needs. Chad will make an appointment with Deb Schenck at district office.

IX New Business
Nothing at this time. Seth Degnan explained the Committee Report structure and plan for future meetings. Committees met for 5 minutes to decide what needs to be reported and discussed with the board.

X Committee Reports
Reading Buddies: Nothing to report.
Volunteer Committee: Nothing
Reality Rocks: Malinowski reported that a meeting is set on the pre-teaching skills students

need. Getting feedback on the Big Toys area and how that role is defined in terms of budgeting. The board then discussed how the credit aspect works. Credit and loans have been discussed in classrooms, but not on how to build credit. Give thoughts and ideas to Patrick Malinowski . April 26 is the next Reality Rocks.

Membership/PR: Swenson reported that dues are coming in; about ¼ way in - late start this year. Deb Schenck needs help starting Nov. 1 next year.

GRIT: Krista Kaltenberg and Nancy Everson talked about the t-shirt idea. Possibility of t-shirts being a drawing prize for students being recognized. The cost is reasonable. No other HS recommendations.

Adopt-a-School: James Ackley working on it.

Prairie Voices: Nothing at this time. Report next month.

Working Wednesdays: James Ertel is our new contact person.

XAdjournment Seth Degnan

A motion to adjourn was made by Malinowski; seconded by Everson. Motion carried at 9:02 a.m.

The next meeting BEP Board Meeting is Thursday, March 17, 7:30 a.m. at Market Street Diner, hosted by McFarland State Bank.

cc: BEP Members, Administrative Team, School Board Members