

Vision: *Preparing and supporting today's students for tomorrow's workforce.*
Mission: *Uniting schools and businesses to help students prepare for their futures.*

SUN PRAIRIE BUSINESS AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP
November 15, 2018 – Minutes (taken by B. Butler)

Board Members Present: Alex McAndrew, Jim Ertel, James Ackley, Stephanie Wallom, Pam Blattner, Vince Brandl, Krista Kaltenberg, Christi Winchel, Marv Hupp, David Thwing, Sarah Smith, Chris Swenson, Jill Conaway, Patrick Malinowski, Seth Degnan, Sharlot Bogart, Tim Fosdick, Shirley Statz, Nancy Everson, Betsy Butler. **BEP Members:** Janet Rosseter

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m. by Christi Winchel at Royal Oaks Elementary School.

Welcome & Introductions: Thank you to Principal James Ackley and Royal Oaks Elementary School for hosting this morning's meeting.

Approval of September BEP Minutes: Motion made by Everson; seconded by Malinowski to approve the 9-20-18 minutes. Motion carried.

Student Feature: Alex McAndrew shared that fall sports were wrapping up. Swim took 3rd in state, 2nd for cross country girls at state, boys cc did well at state, football did well. The Pajama Game musical is going on this weekend. Tickets are still available. Students have wrapped up first quarter and are going into second quarter. People are looking forward to Thanksgiving Break.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Everson stated she will update the report completely next month. The amount of \$2500 was withdrawn to pay Reading Buddy costs. Expenses this month were the BEP clings, annual directories, and pencils & t-shirts (for new teachers) for GRIT. We paid for a translation of letter into Spanish for the GRIT program as well. Checkbook is in good shape right now as dues and reading buddy money are coming in. Beans and Cream contributed to our October meeting cost reduction; in-kind membership fee.

Calendar of Events: Everson shared the calendar that goes through January. We still need a board meeting location for January. PV and PM have not come up with anything for GRIT Awards. Nancy has contacted Corey but nothing yet. PPA and GRIT - Marv stated that the acknowledgement for students who have earned credits while there would be preferred. Marv needs to send Nancy a date for the event and the criteria and it will be put on the calendar. Marv explained how PPA works with students to achieve standards and earn credits toward graduation. The next recognition at Horizon will be 4th and 5th together again at 2 pm.

Please note: April Board meeting is April 11, the week before usual due to our normal 3rd Thursday meeting date falls during spring break.

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

- Sharlot explained why the change in the agenda layout: to keep us on track with getting to our programming needs. Please contact Christi or Sharlot to add items to the agenda.
- BEP Website/Facebook: Marv has been working on the website. Photos of events should be sent to Marv. Send him updates for the website as you can. Facebook page is "Sun Prairie Business & Education Partnership - BEP" (@SPBEP) under Community Organizations; our Website is www.sunprairiebep.com. Nancy asked Marv to create a sheet of info needed. Swenson asked how many are seeing the website or the Facebook site. Sarah mentioned that we need to fix the access to member emails on the website. Marv will work on this.

Committee Reports

- 30th Anniversary Committee: The event is now scheduled for May 16, and will include the bench dedication and honoring member. We are looking at asking QBE to host the event. Swenson asked if this was members only event; we discussed that it would be for members and prospective members.
- Adopt a Future: The program is looking at making changes and offering more scholarships. Swenson needs to know the numbers so we can do the math and make sure the money is there. Thwing mentioned that we need to align recipients with donors. Kathy Enstad should be asked to lead and track this through AVID. Malinowski stated we should be able to track this; Sarah Smith will contact Kathy Enstad. Betsy is meeting with Chandu to get all the details. Sharlot would like the information before the next meeting (by Dec. 1). We need to own the information. "Sharlot made an excellent decision." - James Ackley.
- Adopt a School: Ackley stated that we are back on board with this program. Woodman's has adopted RO as a school. Motion was made by Ackley to approve \$100 for the adopt a school banner for Royal Oaks. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried. They are planning a field trip to Woodman's to see how the grocery store works. A second grade and third grade teacher are linked to Woodman's staff within this program. Woodman's staff are coming Dec. 7 for a tour and time in classrooms with kids. The teachers and employees coordinate the classroom activities. Some sort of celebration will be held later in the year; refreshments will be figured out. QBE has adopted Meadow View. Nancy will contact Jim Benzine to see what we can figure out with QBE in terms of membership.
- GRIT: Ertel suggested recognizing students who improved their GPA from one semester to the next. Ideas generated included a possible celebration in the office, maybe with cake from Costco. Nancy explained the history of the program. Ertel will pull the report to see how many students this might entail. There is money in the account to do this. HS GRIT change - Butler asks each one of the board members to stop by a local business to encourage nominees for the high school GRIT recognition. Members took several sheets to do this. Everson asked Vince Brandl to report on how

we can do this best in grades 6-7. James discussed the pilot change for the GRIT level where businesses come in and discuss the elements of what GRIT is. Frontier came in and met with students in groups of 8-10, sharing with them the concepts in GRIT. Ackley discussed the change from recognition to teaching. Members liked the focus of the change in idea; this will need to be discussed further by the committee.

- Marketing/Membership/PR:
 - Report from October Showcase - Betsy shared the compiled feedback
 - 30 for 30 - Membership (1 new member from showcase) Excellent response. We are already half-way there in terms of dues. The spreadsheet has been great for Chris as he is responding to members. Christi and Sharlot also have reached out personally. Swenson/Everson suggested thank you's with compiled responses from the meeting. These will be sent out.
 - The Membership Spreadsheet has been created; need to share with all members. Pam and Stephanie have done an excellent job. We are completely caught up.
 - Update on #spstrong bench - tabled for next meeting.
- Reading Buddies: Labels are all done and out. Everything is going well.
- Reality Rocks: Pricing is updated, Park Bank is sponsoring bank, and almost every volunteer is coming back. Invite attendees from the showcase to come, suggested Swenson. We have 300 students this round on December 12.

Activities:

- Mock Interviews: 25 people for 25 students. New teacher really works with the students on preparation. Tons of great feedback.
- Teach-In/Career Day: Patrick Marsh does this on their own. Every 8th grader is going to Future Quest at Alliant in December. Everson is going with and will share feedback next meeting.
- Working Wednesdays: A bit of a lull - we need businesses. Openings are available.

Other Items of Interest for the BEP Board:

Swenson shared an experience from Horizon.

Adjournment: Motion made by Ackley, seconded by Winchel to adjourn at 9:11 a.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Our next board meeting is on Thursday, December 20th, at the home of Shirley Statz at 7:30 a.m.

Vision: *Preparing and supporting today's students for tomorrow's workforce.*
Mission: *Uniting schools and businesses to help students prepare for their futures.*