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SUN PRAIRIE BUSINESS AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP
April 11, 2019 – Minutes (taken by Betsy Butler)

Board Members: Patrick Malinowski, Krista Kaltenberg, Marv Hupp, Alex McAndrew, James Ackley, Nancy Everson, Chris Swenson, Karen Bailey, Betsy Butler, Caren Diedrich, Sarah Smith, James Ertel, David Thwing. **BEP Members:** Ray Koepcke, Jean Skinner. **Guest:** Chad Wojtysiak.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:42 am by Sharlot Bogart at Prairie Phoenix Academy.

Welcome & Introductions: Thank you to Prairie Phoenix Academy for hosting today.

Approval of March BEP Minutes: Motion made by Malinowski; seconded by Everson to approve the March minutes. Motion carried.

Student Feature: Alex shared that we are 2 days away from spring break. Spring sports underway, girls soccer and boys baseball ranked high. Softball wants to repeat. FBLA had regionals and 14 students are going on to Nationals. DECA will go to Nationals the week after spring break. Bogart asked how students afford to go to Nationals. Everson and others explained. Alex has qualified in both FBLA and DECA Nationals.

Guest Feature: None today.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Everson shared that our only expense was for gift cards. Two more GRIT awards coming up at Culvers; Bogart has one also. Receipts are \$550 dues came in. Current balances are good. Future expenses are big (t-shirts, bookcases, etc.). Swenson asked if the board members should get t-shirts. Kaltenberg will collect sizes. Moved by Hupp and seconded by Bailey to approve the treasurer's report.

Caren Diedrich thanked all for supporting the referendum. Everson congratulated Caren on her re-election.

Calendar of Events: Everson reported that nothing has changed. Mock interviews are coming up, and we will need a lot of people at CHUMS and the HS.

Please note: The May Board meeting is Thursday, May 16th, and it is our annual meeting this year. It will be held at WPPI at 7:30 am.

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

- Vote - Slate of Officers/Board Members - Butler called for a vote on the proposed slate and addition to the board. Motion to approve the slate by Everson, second by Smith. Motion carried.

- Annual Business Recognition Nominees - Recipients have been chosen.

Committee Reports

- 30th Anniversary Committee: Bogart reported that things are in place for the proclamation and the bench.
- Invitations - Everson asked who all should be invited and how the board wants people invited. She asked if we should focus on members who have not been involved and personally invite them. Swenson asked if we had personal contacts at QBE and American Family to bring back in. Rosenthal and Culver will also be invited. Thwing expressed concern about district office representation not being here. He feels the involvement of the DO is essential to the well being of the BEP.
- Bench - Christi Winchel has done a lot of work with this, and things are set here. Highlight Video: Working on slide presentation or other unique ideas - please send them to Nancy or Betsy. Everson suggested Evers; Bogart suggested media coverage.
- Adopt a Future: Sarah Smith shared that we have 3 students we have been selected for the scholarship. These students are current 8th graders. Chris is working on contacting the business sponsors to have them be at the scholarship award night.
- Adopt a School: Everson reported that Royal Oaks Elementary is taking their field trip over to Woodman's. They will learn what it takes to run a grocery store.
- GRIT: Kaltenberg reported that no one reported any issues from the last recognitions. BEP board members stated that things went very well. Kaltenberg is setting up dates for next year where the BEP members teach at the beginning of the quarter handing out folders then and with t-shirts at the end of the year. Sacred Hearts is back in for next year. We will need 1359 folders for next year - Swenson reports that we have that covered. No need to purchase at this point. We will need projections for each school when school starts.
- Upcoming HS Workplace Recognitions - More recognitions coming up (at least 4).
- Marketing/Membership/PR: Nothing new to report. He is finishing up contacting businesses for the scholarship support. We have 4 new businesses this year. We should be done in June with our membership drive this year instead of August.
- Reading Buddies: Nancy reported we have 5 businesses have not paid their \$100. Tech ed classes at the high school will start building the bookcases. We need pictures of the students making the bookcases. We will need more businesses next year as we will have more classrooms.
- Reality Rocks: Patrick Malinowski stated that things are good to go for May 1. Fewer students this time. Nancy will send out emails for help.

Activities:

- Mock Interviews: Everson covered this earlier
- Teach-In/Career Day: Things went really well.
- Working Wednesdays: Ertel said it's been slow. He needs contacts. Everson asked what else can we do to help our students find employment. Swenson sees a partnership

with another community office to promote a community job fair. This could bring a spotlight on to the BEP. Everson said we will discuss contacting Neil and the Chamber.

- Senior Exit Interviews - Nancy reported that nothing has happened yet with this idea. Nancy is going to McFarland where they started the senior interview to see how they do it.

Other Items of Interest for the BEP Board:

- None at this time.

Adjournment: Motion made by Everson, seconded by Malinowski to adjourn at 8:50 a.m.
Motion carried.

Next meeting: Our next board meeting is on Thursday, May 16, 2019, at WPPI at 7:30 a.m.

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