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SUN PRAIRIE BUSINESS AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP
November 18, 2020 – Minutes (taken by Betsy Butler)

BEP Board Members: Carol Alright, Shirley Statz, Karen Bailey, Craig Couthardt, Vince Brandl, Ray Koepcke, Nancy Everson, Sharlot Bogart, Chris Swenson, Marv Hupp, Jill Conaway, Seth Degnan, Christi Winchel, Stephanie Leonard-Witte, Jim Ertel, Katie Johnson, Stephanie Wallom, Patrick Malinowski, Jamie Racine, David Thwing, Pam Blattner. **Additional BEP Members:** n/a

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:31 am by Patrick Malinowski on Zoom.

Approval of 10-21-20 BEP Minutes: Motion made by Everson; seconded by Statz to approve the October minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Everson shared that there some dues have been received; only the cling expense. Balances are very strong in all other accounts.

Calendar of Events: No events right now. No requests for mock interviews yet either.

Unfinished/New Business: *to be addressed in committee and activity reports*

Committee Reports:

- Adopt a Future: Everson reported that the committee met and discussed the previous concerns at length. Kathy Enstad from AVID/SPASD was present at that meeting and addressed many concerns. Some changes were made to the application itself and the writing prompt for students will be updated by Enstad and Butler. The committee decided that what the pairing with AVID does is very valuable to what the intent of the program has been. It will be re-evaluated next year when things are more normal in the world.
- Adopt a School: Currently on hold.
- GRIT:
 - Elementary level - Malinowski shared that Kaltenberg had received a video from Woodman's focused on GRIT. Butler shared the video with members. Butler shared that Kaltenberg stated that WPPI is working on a video and her challenge is that maybe BEP should create their own video. The board then discussed many options of videos and where to house these. They also discussed the use of Woodman's video. Butler will check with Kaltenberg of use permissions. People agreed that all videos should be shared with grade 4-5 teachers. Christi Minchel is up for doing the BEP video if the board decides to do one.
 - Middle school level - Vince Brandl and Katy Johnson both shared that each middle school is highlighting students in their own ways. Brandl is going to ask the PMMS staff doing the recognition there to add more about GRIT. Both

schools will invite students to attend our next board meeting to receive more recognition.

- o Upper middle school - Ryan Newquist was unable to attend today's meeting. Nothing to report.
- o High school level - Everson shared that we have 2 recognitions at Prairie Kids Club next Monday. She was concerned about how to do this; the board decided to recognize students outside, socially distanced. Members will stage a photo, socially distanced, that highlights the students. Thwing shared that he has 3 nominations coming later this week as well.
- Marketing/Membership/PR: Chris Swenson shared that we have received \$2300 in collected dues thus far; he felt that was a very strong response. He also reported for how our accounts are invested, the market has reflected on that well.
- Reading Buddies: Everson is concerned on how best to proceed. Not all teachers have responded to her emails. Much discussion followed regarding how to order books, how to pay for the program, how teachers could use videos, etc. It was decided that Everson and Leonard-Witte would work together to streamline the program this year so that the burden on teachers would be negligible, The main objective is to get books in students' hands. Business partners will be emailed by Everson, telling them the adjustments for this year's program. A motion was made by Malinowski and seconded by Koepcke for the BEP to absorb the full cost of running the Reading Buddy program from January to May this year. Motion carried.
- Reality Rocks: Malinowski shared that he had heard from the high school econ teachers, and they have used some financial videos for students in quarter one. He also reminded us that the Dane County Consortium had purchased the rights to an app via the Wisconsin Credit Union League. The app randomly generates an occupation and credit score, taking students through many of the steps we offer, although it does not have investments and some of the other features we typically offer. The app may not work on chromebooks, so students would have to use phones; this may be an issue. This is still being explored. Jennifer Josheff, econ teacher at the high school, has requested videos from volunteer businesses who would like to share their expertise in areas of financial literacy.
- Community Schools supplemental report from Jamie Racine - Community School is running at 5 of our schools in the district, coordinating efforts of food distribution, additional learning materials distribution, after school programs, and various other groups and activities for the community. Please let Jamie Racine know if you have any questions or wish to get involved.

BEP Programs / Activities:

- Mock Interviews: Nothing at this time.
- Middle School BEP Pilot: Vince Brandl made the observation that there are a lot of good things happening through collaboration and asked how we might be able to get all these "think tanks" together in a concerted effort.
- Working Wednesdays: Jim Ertel reported no updates at this time.

- Job Fair - On hold.
- Senior Exit Interviews - This project is also on hold at this time.

Other Items of Interest for the BEP Board:

- Marv Hupp shared information he had learned at a professional development about the site called Flipgrid and its use for video creation and housing/sharing.
- Carol Albright also shared an open invitation to set up tours of Bank of Sun Prairie Ashley Field.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Albright; seconded by Koepcke. Motion carried at 9:00 a.m.

Next meeting: Our next board meeting is **Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 7:30 a.m. on Zoom via the same link.**

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