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SUN PRAIRIE BUSINESS AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP
December 16, 2021 – Minutes (taken by Betsy Butler)

BEP Board Members: Carol Albright, Shirley Statz, Ray Koepcke, Kelsey Aleckson, Prisha Poddar, Martin Azocar Leon, Seth Degnan, Vince Brandl, Nancy Everson, Tiffany Yapp, Chris Swenson, David Thwing, Pam Blattner, Betsy Butler. **Additional BEP Members/Guests:** Joe Statz

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:36 am by Vince Brandl at Shirley Statz's home.

Approval of 11-18-21 BEP Minutes: Motion made by Everson; seconded by Koepcke to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Host Business Feature: Thanks to Shirley Statz and Joe Statz for hosting this morning. Joe shared great information about his business with us this morning. Don't know how he does it - 4800 cows to be milked, 9000 acres of land farmed, 2 manure digesters producing natural gas - he credits his amazing employees (about 100 of them) - pretty amazing!

Introduction of Guests: n/a

Student Feature: Martin Azocar Leon and Prisha Poddar shared that the semester is ending soon and students are working on final projects. The Big Band Dance was last week and was a great time. They shared that students enjoyed the Reality Rocks experience. Teachers made it run very smoothly, and Econ teachers are following up with discussions about the choices they made (Socratic seminar) and a student written reflection.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Everson reported that \$129.19 in expenses and no income during the past month; balances remain solid. Ray Koepcke confirmed this report.

Only monthly expense: \$129.19 for Reality Rocks

No income to report

Balances:

	10/20/2021	11/21/2021	12/14/2021
General Fund	\$29,250.12	\$29,584.26	\$29,146.20
Adopt-A-Future	\$32,640.38	\$33,103.00	\$32,417.20
Endowment	\$58,433.56	\$59,373.46	\$56,591.36
Checking -- Bank of Sun Prairie	\$4,584.43	\$4,632.50	\$4,503.31

Calendar of Events: Everson stated that mock interviews happened and that Joel Coyne does a great job setting this up. We do have a Student Employee Excellence Award on Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Dairy Queen to honor 2 employees. Our next board meeting is at Royle Printing and the following month is at Sacred Hearts School. We need locations for March through May, and these meetings will now be held on Tuesday mornings to accommodate the administration of SPASD.

Reality Rocks: Everson reported that there's been great feedback. Some comments were shared from the adult feedback survey. Students could see things better, and the fact that there was no checkbook made things flow better. BEP members stated that the student name tags were confusing and not helpful this year. This seemed to mess up a lot of students, especially with childcare and child support. Discussion about the credit score: Students do not seem to understand what this means and how it affects the process. There is no sense of reality with how many jobs they can have.

Reading Buddies: All buddies are up and running, and the feedback has been good. Background checks may be required at some schools - allow for extra time. Everson will check on where this is happening.

Sun Prairie West - Building Update: Tour went well. It was shared that they are slightly under budget as of now. Bids are going out for the East High School and Central Heights remodels.

Committee Reports:

Marketing/Membership/PR: Swenson shared that membership letters/invoices will go out next week. He requested help. Nancy will give membership kits to the Chamber of Commerce to have them add them to their Ambassador Kits.

Rebranding Committee: Brandl stated his ideas about building relationships with schools.

Bylaws Committee: Will meet in January. Requests for possible meeting dates/times will be sent out to Swenson, Blattner, Everson, & Butler.

Instructional Framework Committee Reps (Blattner/Bogart): Our reps shared that this committee is looking at the various pathways students can take at the high schools and how exploring those pathways needs to start at younger ages. This group is looking at creating a framework in which to do this.

Activity Reports:

BEP Student Employee Excellence Award: Everson stated earlier that the next event is Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Dairy Queen. We will have 3 more events coming up, and she will email once these are set up.

Working Wednesdays: No businesses have been in recently. Ertel is not present today..

Mock Interviews: Discussed earlier.

Job Fair - Students would like to see this for them. Employers start in March looking for summer help. Butler suggested looking at holding this in early April after spring break and well before AP exams. We also end school this year (May 26).

Senior Exit Interviews - Carol Albright is meeting soon with Stephanie Leonard-Witte about this idea where the district would actually do this in person with students.

Adopt a Class Renewal Project - Nothing new.

Adopt a School - Nothing new.

Adopt a Future - Nothing yet.

Appreciations and Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Everson; seconded by Bogart. Motion carried at 9:01 am.

Next meeting: Our next board meeting is Thursday, January 20, 2021, 7:30 a.m. at Royle Printing.

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