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SUN PRAIRIE BUSINESS AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP
April 19, 2022 – Minutes (taken by Betsy Butler)

BEP Board Members: Lauri Isaacson, Ray Koepcke, Martin Azocar Leon, Seth Degnan, Vince Brandl, Nancy Everson, Chris Swenson, Pam Blattner, Sarah Chaja-Clardy, Craig Coulthardt, Karen Bailey, LaTonia Hughes, Patrick Malinowski, Stephanie Leonard-Witte, Kelsey Aleckson, Katie Mould, Betsy Butler. **Additional BEP Members/Guests:** n/a

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m. by Vince Brandl at Royle Printing.

Approval of 3-15-22 BEP Minutes: Motion made by Blattner; seconded by Everson to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Host Business Feature: Thanks to Dawn Webber and Royle Printing for hosting this morning. Webber shared that Royle is doing well with 60 million in sales. The company is growing and will be completely moved into their climate controlled buildings in 2 years. Very much of a team culture at Royle with opportunities for education and growth through Royle U and Royle Academy programs.

Introduction of Guests: none today; members introduced themselves by sharing what inspired them to choose their fields of work.

Student Feature: Martin Azocar Leon shared that DECA is going to Nationals in Georgia, Prom is May 14, and Reality Rocks is April 27, where students are already prepping for it in Econ classes and AP Econ students will be helping kids at Reality Rocks. Mamma Mia! is the high school theatre production and has shows this week and next.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Everson reported that there were no expenses and no income. She left the reports at school. Leonard-Witte is sending the invoice for books; the total amount for the Reading Buddies books was \$6,307.50. Everson shared the balances with Butler for the minutes:

	3/11/2022	4/1/2022
General fund -	\$29,433.32	\$30,125.48
Adopt a Future -	\$31,554.90	\$31,849.88
Endowment -	\$56,471.75	\$57,657.61
Checking -	\$8,536.00	\$8,536.00

Calendar of Events: Wilde East Towne Honda will host for May; locations needed for fall. So far we have fall board meetings scheduled as such: September at West High School, October at WPPI (confirmed after the meeting). Looking for August and November.

Committee Reports:

Marketing/Membership/PR: Swenson shared that things are stagnant right now, but we are ahead of last year. We will need to work on recruiting next year, looking at what sectors we need. A committee was formed for the Annual Meeting (Everson, Swenson, Isaacson, Butler) which will be held in the fall.

GRIT-Program Evaluation Committee: Everson shared that this group will need to meet this summer. Leonard-Witte asked that the group look to tie-in to the ACP and SEL programs. Theresa Wisden, volunteered by Leonard-Witte, will send out meeting date possibilities. The members of this committee are Coulthardt, Butler, Azocar Leon, Leonard-Witte, Chaja-Clardy, Bogart, Winchel, and Everson.

New Program Committee: Brandl shared his desire to expand the programs where students tour businesses. BEP is working on the field trip request process.

Bylaws Committee: The 2022-2023 BEP Board Slate, the Bylaws revisions for the partnership, the Endowment Fund revisions, and revisions in the Investment Policy statement were brought before the board today (and previously emailed). No discussion. The vote to approve will be in May.

Finance Committee: Nothing at this time.

Activity Reports:

Reality Rocks: The event will be held at the high school gym on Weds., April 27. Everson said everything is set. The fall event will be at East and the spring event at West. We will have 300+ students on April 27. Set-up will be late (after 8:30 p.m.) on 4/26. Everson will need helpers. Econ teachers requested that investments be put back in the rotation for the event. How this is done will need to be evaluated with teachers after the event.

Reading Buddies: Books cost \$6307.50 this year, yielding 5110 books in the hands of 1st graders (about \$1.25 per book). Coulthardt and Leonard-Witte will again ask teachers how they prefer these be ordered for them.

BEP Student Employee Excellence Award: Everson stated that the scheduled events are on April 20, 4 p.m. at Colony Brands; May 3, 4 p.m. at Prairie Kids Club, and May 4, 4:10 p.m. at the Bank of Sun Prairie on Broadway. We also have 2 to do at Buck and Honey's once students are available.

Adopt a Future - Three winners have been selected. We have 4 seniors being honored this year. The presentation of the three 8th grade winners and the four senior honorees will be Weds., May 4 at 6 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at the high school.

Working Wednesdays: Nothing at this time. (see below in Job Fair)

Mock Interviews: Joel Coyne at the high school has set up interviews for May 2-3 during 4th block (1:45-3:00 p.m.). He has asked those who have done this before and may need more help.

Job Fair - Everson shared that the Student Job Fair will be held during the 3rd period on Weds., April 20 at the high school. Businesses (55 in number) will be there for a 2.5 hour period and have access to students in all 3 lunches. Nancy will need help especially at the beginning of the event ~ 11:00 a.m. when businesses need to arrive and set up. Students will start coming in at 11:40 a.m. Some businesses were not able to get in due to space limitations, so Everson suggested they try Working Wednesdays.

Senior Exit Interviews - We will revisit this next year.

Appreciations and Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Everson; seconded by Koepcke. Motion carried at 8:59 am.

Next meeting: Our next board meeting is Tuesday, May 17, 2021, 7:30 a.m. at Wilde East Towne Honda.

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