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**SUN PRAIRIE BUSINESS AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP**  
**November 8, 2022 – Minutes (taken by Nancy Everson)**

**BEP Board Members:** (not available for today) **Additional BEP Members/Guests:** n/a

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. by Pam Blattner at Compeer Financial.

**Host Business Feature:** Thanks to Mary and Compeer Financial for hosting today's meeting. Compeer employee, Mary, gave a short presentation on Compeer: 1) 1,300 employees, 2) been in the SP location since January 2015, and 3) the company specializes in dairy lending.

**Annual Award Recognitions:** Blattner made the following presentations: Outstanding Business (Seth Degnan, Kicks Unlimited), Outstanding Board Member (Patrick Malinowski of Summit Credit Union), and Outstanding Individual Involvement (Kim Erb of AmeriPrint).

**Approval of October 2022 BEP Minutes:** Motion made to approve by Swenson; seconded by Bogart. Motion carried.

**Introduction of Board Members:** Blattner started off the introductions by introducing herself.

**Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests that needed to be introduced.

**Student Feature:** Student Steven Case covered the following topics of things going on for high school students: winter sports have started, Soup Bowl project put on by the culinary and art students, and the upcoming DECA competitions.

**Calendar of Events/New Business:** Report--All upcoming board meetings for the year have locations set.

**Feedback from Goals for BEP 2022-23 and Annual Meeting:** Board members reviewed the survey results. Two items that received more discussion than the others were: 1) How can we create internships for teachers with local businesses? 2) Create personal connections through personal experiences for our students; e.g., field trips to local businesses.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Everson reported that financial activity (both income and expenses have been minimal.)

**Activity Reports:**

**Reality Rocks:** Report--We are gearing up for the event on December 14th. The pricing has been updated for everything but the home and car options. All that are left are the logistics of set up and volunteer recruitment. Recruitment of volunteers so far has gone well. Discussion-- We are all set for December 14. We may need help with late set-up the night before.

Reading Buddies: Report--The October books have been shipped to all the sites and every first grade classroom has an assigned Business Partner to read with their students. The November books have been ordered and received. They will be shipped to sites the week of October 31.

BEP Student Employee Excellence Award: Report--There are now 3 recognitions to be scheduled. Everson will send out emails when those are confirmed.

Working Wednesdays: Report--Working Wednesdays during lunch times have been organized and set up at both East and West high schools.

Mock Interviews: Help with these will be needed in December.

Job Fair: Waiting on communication from the Chamber for planning this.

Senior Exit Interviews: Report--This is a topic we will revisit in January of 2023.

### **Committee Reports:**

Marketing/Membership/PR: Report--All renewal invoices have all gone out. As of 10/28/2022 we have received \$1,825 in BEP membership dues. Swenson's assistant Lois sends out "thank you" emails as dues come in. She also updates directory info as those changes come in. We will just keep collecting the dues, and then when the time seems right, we will send out an email reminder.

GRIT-Program Evaluation Committee: Report--The GRIT committee met for the fourth time on October 13. The meeting agenda/notes may be accessed [HERE](#). The committee is preparing a report to share with the BEP Board during our November 8, 2022 meeting. Discussion: Leonard Wittee and Chaja-Clardy gave a presentation on the work that the committee has done so far. The next step is to bring in elementary educators to work on an implementation plan.

New Program Committee: Blattner stated that the list of BEP programming will continue to grow.

Bylaws Committee: Nothing new at this time.

Finance Committee: Nothing new at this time.

Adopt-a-Future Committee: Report--Everson and Butler met with Katie Janssen, new AVID District Coordinator. Adjusted the timeline; looking at hosting a special breakfast for awardees and their sponsors each April. Looking for 3 business sponsors for this year's 3 \$1000 scholarships (paid out over 4 years at \$250 each year). Contact Butler if interested in being a business sponsor. Discussion--There was a request for a rubric. Bogart volunteered to fund another scholarship. Can someone check on the status of the annual letters from the kids to the donors? (Butler has already communicated this with Katie Janssen, the AVID coordinator and Janssen is on it for this year.)

**Other Items of Importance**: More information was requested on the following three programs: AVID, CEO's of Tomorrow, and the Academies.

Blattner challenged board members to think about what they can do as part of BEP to make a difference/impact.

**Appreciations and Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Bogart, seconded by Albright. Motion carried at 8:59 am.

**Next meeting:** Our next board meeting is Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 7:30 a.m. at the Home of Shirley Statz.

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