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**SUN PRAIRIE BUSINESS AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP
January 16, 2020 – Minutes (taken by Krista Kaltenberg)**

Board Members: Karen Bailey, Sharlot Bogart, Vince Brandl, Jill Conaway, Seth Degnan, Caren Diedrich, Nancy Everson, James Ertel, Marv Hupp, Katy Johnson, Krista Kaltenberg, Ray Kopecke, Patrick Malinowski, Shirley Statz, Chris Swenson, Christi Winchel, Jean Skinner, Vince Brandl. **BEP Members:** none **Guest:** Andrew McKinney

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:32 am. by Krista Kaltenberg at Prairie Athletic Club.

Welcome & Introductions: Thank you to Prairie Athletic Club for hosting. (No one was here on PAC's behalf)

Approval of 12-19-19 BEP Minutes: Motion made by Everson; seconded by Winchel to approve the December minutes. Motion carried.

Student Feature: Alex McAndrew is absent today, preparing for final exams next week. DECA event was canceled last Saturday due to the weather. Alex, Nancy, and Betsy are working on a student replacement.

Guest Feature: Andrew McKinney, site director of Community Schools from CHB was in attendance. Brought by Krista.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Everson shared the report. Some expenses were "clean up expenses" such as payment needed for past GRIT certificates, directory, Reality Rocks. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Winchel, seconded by Malinowski; the motion carried.

Calendar of Events: Nancy shared update of current events. GRIT is coming up at Elementary Schools. All schools have folders. Sacred Hearts has decided to wait until next school year to join with GRIT again

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

- Board Terms Review - Review of open positions. 2 school and 1 business opening. Sharlot and Caren will reach out to a few. Nancy had a company in new business park, a Robotics manufacturing company, reach out to her so she is meeting with them soon. Discussion about asking businesses that are already partnering with us. Kim Erb with Ameriprint was discussed as a possibility.
- Other - no other business

Committee Reports

- Adopt a Future: Jill shared they need to meet soon. Now is the time to plan how many scholarships to give. Have report from Sara Smith and all information she put together before she left. Discussion on unclaimed scholarships and giving money right away. Nancy would like to see students prove they have begun school and followed through with school before receiving money. Andrew McKinney said recipients can put a simple reminder on phone in this day and age of technology, so there is no excuse to not claim their scholarship. Jim Ertel offered to talk with graduating seniors to remind them of how to claim their scholarships. Discussion that students do receive information on how to claim scholarship in a folder on scholarship night.
- Adopt a School: Nothing new
- GRIT: Two nominees at High School level have come in. One at Sunshine Place. Would like to have it presented on a Monday in February. Nancy decided on February 3 at 4:45 Another nominee from Day One Pizza to be recognized January 22 at 4:30.
- Marketing/Membership/PR: Swenson stated he sent reminders to businesses January 15, and that we are way ahead of schedule with collecting dues. He is expecting a next wave of dues to come in. He has 3 membership kits left. He does not have any brochures. Nancy and Betsy looked at brochure and said updates need to be made. Betsy is working on updating it over the weekend. Chris asked for volunteers to deliver window clings. Website (logo is not up-to-date) is the way it is for now unless we contact another host. Marv is keeping things updated and fresh as he receives pictures and new information. (mlhupp@sunprairieschools.org) Marv contacted Curt Mould to see if district could host website. Teachers do not have a way to incorporate maintaining the site in curriculum. Seth needs content to update Facebook. Send him things to post! (mrandmrsdkicks@gmail.com)
- Reading Buddies: Seth Degnan reported there is nothing new to report. Seth and Nancy were on Brad Saron's radio show "Homeroom." They talked about the Reading Buddies program and then talked a lot about what BEP is.
- Reality Rocks: Patrick thanked everyone who provided feedback. Currently, they are reviewing that and working with teachers to incorporate changes either for this coming round or the next.

Activities:

- Mock Interviews: Nancy shared they had a bunch this week. Ray shared his experience with volunteering. Nancy shared that the next dates have not been chosen.
- Teach-In/Career Day: Event is set for February 4.th at Prairie View Middle School. Johnson shared there are 6 spots left to be filled. There is a google form that Johnson sent out. She is thinking that it is going to be a full day. They are working on a schedule. If you present to a class, you would present for 15-20 minutes per class. If you have more time, you could possibly go to another class.
- PMMS Pilot - started with a moment of silence for Steve Riggins, former district teacher and coach. Monday, March 2 will be the reverse Career Fair that about 100 6th and 7th grade students will participate in. Vince shared that he has reached out to and connected with the following businesses to bring kids to: Kicks Unlimited, Royle Printing,

Kobussen, Market Street Dinner, Day One Pizza, Nitty Gritty, Affordable Legal Services, Patio Pleasures, Jennings and Woldt, Sunny Nutrition, Bank of Sun Prairie, Sun Prairie EMS, Beans-n-Cream. All businesses have been very receptive to this experience. Vince has prepared 4 questions for businesses to answer and share with students that focus on "I," "We," and "Us." Chris questioned why there is no discussion of GRIT. Vince believes that discussion will naturally come out. Vince is speaking with Kobussen next about paying for buses. Nancy shared that she sees this as a BEP initiative and is willing to put forth money to cover bussing costs. All agreed. Vince is looking in to expanding to other parts of the community in the future.

- Working Wednesdays: Ertel stated that it has slowed down a little. Texas Roadhouse was in yesterday. He will follow up with them with a membership packet. The City of Sun Prairie will be coming in at some point this spring.
- Job Fair - May 6: Everson and Diedrich have nothing to report yet. More coming at a later date.
- Senior Exit Interviews - Ertel stated this was discussed yesterday. Seniors have more time in February as they are not having to choose classes for next year like the underclassmen. Discussed possibly a pilot of 2 classes this year with a few advisory classes. They would need volunteers to come in for 30 minutes each day over the week.

What do we want to know from kids? Possible ideas:

- Central question - open discussion
- Survey - then discuss results
- What are your plans for next year?
- What skills do you feel prepared you for the next steps in your life?
- Do you feel well prepared for life after high school?
- Environment - feel safe?
- Group liked the idea of open discussion with a small group but also having a written piece too for those that may not feel comfortable discussing.

Other Items of Interest for the BEP Board:

- Nancy has to write a grant. Shared a copy of a survey that is being sent out in other communities. She is concerned about collecting data. Questions she shared are good questions that require personal answers which was of interest in the discussion. This is most likely going to be sent electronically as a google form.

Adjournment: Motion made by Malinowski, seconded by Bogart to adjourn at 8:56 a.m.
Motion carried.

Next meeting: Our next board meeting is Thursday, February 20, 2020, at Wilde East Towne Honda.

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