

Business and Education Partnership Advisory Council (BEPAC)

Minutes

School of Technology

April 28, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by President Mary Lynn Devlin. Prior to starting the meeting, Ms. Devlin asked for a moment of silence in memory of two outstanding partners who passed away a week prior, Mr. Dom Thomey and Tom McWilliams. We will forever be grateful for their contributions to BEPAC and the community of Cecil County.

Kathy Kunda introduced three new members; Donna Clem from Hawthorn Suites, Denise Davis from Cecil County Public Libraries and Allen Erichland from Whispering Pines Mobile Home Parks. Mr. Bill DeFreitas from Cecil Connections Group was introduced as a guest.

Financial Statement

Balance at March 31, 2009 was \$16,279.33

Deposits for the month \$805.00

Balance at April 28, 2009 \$17,084.33

Allocations will be adjusted upon approval of the new strategic plan.

Estimated balance after allocations and remaining dues payments is \$8,977.60

Motion to accept financial report was made by Jim Gawthrop, second by Donna Rice unanimously approved.

2008-09 Strategic Plan Accomplishments

Accomplishments:

Partnership Development:

1. 6 new BEPAC members
2. New marketing materials include brochure and membership application
3. New website to be launched on June 23, 2009

Finance

1. Budget in alignment with goals
2. New marketing materials include brochure and applications
3. Golf tournament a huge success (\$8,000.00 profit)

Recruitment, Retention & Recognition

4. New Teacher Reception – 113 new teachers and 15 BEPAC members attended
5. BEPAC was represented at the 25 & 30 Year Employee Recognition dinner
6. START program was re-evaluated and cancelled; funds will be requested on a need basis to supplement mileage for teacher candidates traveling over 100 miles for an interview for special needs areas, such math, science, and special education.

Career and Technology Education

Sub-committee: Drop Out Prevention

1. Committee meetings with CCPS leadership and 8 BEPAC members
2. Plan developed with Coordinator of Guidance Services Joanne Seiberling and committee members
3. BEPAC supporting 2 schools, Elkton and North East Middle Schools – 6 members currently participating

Sub-committee: CTE Middle Schools

1. Public Engagement at Open House and Conference nights at all 6 middle schools (Tim Corder, Jen Bird, Kathy Kunda)
2. Meetings with Jim & Linda Dyekman regarding Career & Technology Education DVD for middle school career awareness (Tim Corder, Cynthia Copes & Kathy Kunda)
3. List of potential career day speakers that can be posted to the new website is currently a work-in-progress
4. Updated and reprinted brochures for all CTE programs, placed them on display in all 6 middle schools as well as online at <http://www.ccps.org/cte/completer%20program.html>
5. Link on CTE website that explains what CTE programs articulate credit with what colleges <http://www.ccps.org/cte/articulation.html>

2009-10 BEPAC Proposed Strategic Plan

Recommended and approved additions to the sub-committees:

Ted Jasinski has accepted the Golf Outing Chair position

Robert Davis and Jim Gawthrop will co-chair the Recruitment, Retention & Recognition committee
Harland Graef and Tim Corder will co-chair the CTE Committee

Sub-committees will meet and develop a list of recommendations for budget proposes.

Superintendent's Discussion

Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Willis updated the members on the Cecil Technical High School. Mr. Willis explained the state recommendations for the school's capacity and the explanation from the commissioners for not funding the new school for 840 students.

Members in Attendance:

Joe Cupini, Terumo Medical Corporation
Joanne Richart-Young, Ag Coordinator Economic Development
Bill DeFreitas, Connections Marketing Group
Michael Carl, Cecil Partnerships
Betty Gray, Cecil School Employees FCU
John Betts, York Building Products
Brent Converse, Rock Springs Generation Facility (ODEC)
Bonnie Clem, Hawthorn Suites
Bruce England, Susquehanna Workforce Network
Lisa Trotta, Rock Springs Generation Facility
Laura Mayse, Cecil County Chamber of Commerce
Scott Sturgill, Harford Bank
Bud Felty, McCrone Incorporated
Jim Dyekman, Dyekman Design
John Denver, Delmarva Power
Tari Moore, Moore Strategies
Nelson Bolender, Cecil County School Employees Federal Credit Union
Roy Clough, Economic Development
Donna Rice, Cecil County Classroom Teachers Association
Harland Graef, DuPont, Retired
Mary Lynn Devlin, Union Hospital
Marty Healy, W.L. Gore & Associates
Ted Jasinski, Frederick Ward Associates
Jim Gawthrop, York Building Products
Ralph Young, Cecilton Lions Club
Joanne Rufft, Artesian Water
Kim Youngblood, Long & Foster Real Estate

Cecil County Public School Representatives

Lauren Camphausen, Board Member
Henry Shaffer, Superintendent
Robert Davis, Executive Director for Human Resources
Vince Cariello, Executive Director for High School Education
Tim Corder, CTE Instructional Coordinator
Lew Erbe, School of Tech Principal
Perry Willis, Executive Director for Support Services
Janel West
Kelly Keeton, Public Information Officer

CCPS Teachers

Dave Dietrich, RSMS
Lori Coleman, NEHS

Gwenn Bartell, BMHS
Scott Eddy, School of Tech
Cynthia Copes, CTE Resource Teacher

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Kunda