

**Business and Education Partnership Advisory Council (BEPAC)**  
**Membership Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**February 24, 2009**

The February 24, 2009 BEPAC membership meeting was called to order by BEPAC Vice President Marty Healy at 8:00 a.m.

Treasurer Scott Sturgill reported a checking account balance of \$15,882.26; estimated membership renewal fees of \$2,095 and allocations of \$9,553.54. Next month we will begin work on the golf outing for next October.

**Presentations**

Jim Brady, Chair of the Career Preparatory Education Committee and Marty Healy, co-chair of the Drop-Out Prevention sub-committee were the leads into the presentation prepared by the school system. Vince Cariello, executive director for high school education, briefed the membership on the proactive programs that were implemented at the beginning of school. The programs are geared toward credit recover, mid-year graduation and remedial, online courses for the high school assessment tests.

Peter McCallum, executive director for middle school education, and Joanna Seiberling, acting coordinator for guidance services, introduced the program “A.I.M. High,” Academic Intervention for Middlers. The guidance counselors’ at all six middle schools will be working with the materials that Ms. Seiberling has purchased. BEPAC will only be involved at Elkton and North East middle schools this semester.

Training for the counselors will take place on March 13 and any volunteers from the business community that would like to participate in the training are welcomed to join the counselors. The goal is to have a consistent group of business people at each school.

The program will start on or around April 7 with the last session the first week in June. There will be weekly sessions that will have professionals from the business world come into the classroom and talk to the students about their professions and the “key” elements that students need to be successful in the world of work and in school. The targeted group this year will be 6<sup>th</sup> grader. Group will consist of no more that 12-15 students. Plans to continue with the same students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be planned for this summer.

The BEPAC committee members are:  
Bud Felty, McCrone, Inc.  
Scott Sturgill, Harford Bank  
Michael Carl, Cecil Partnerships  
Cindy Sturgill, Cecil Partnerships  
John Betts, York Building Products  
Kim Youngblood, Long & Foster  
Marty Healy, W.L. Gore & Associates

Volunteers can contact Kathy Kunda 40-996-5453 or [kkunda@ccps.org](mailto:kkunda@ccps.org)

### **BEPAC Website**

Jim Dyekman, from Dyekman Design, Inc. presented the preliminary work to-date on the new website. Members can access the site from the following link, <http://dyekman-design.com/bepac/home.html>

When all the pertinent information is posted to the site, it will be sent to all members for one last review before going live. Please forward any comments to Kathy Kunda at [kkunda@ccps.org](mailto:kkunda@ccps.org).

**Superintendent's comments:** Henry Shaffer briefed the membership on the budget process to-date. Mr. Shaffer made it very clear that the budget he presents will be based the dollars allocated by the county commissioners and not the President's Stimulus plan. State funding for the school system was cut 1.3 million dollars and there is still a possibility for more cuts. The current budget request is for \$69.9 million, the same as last year. Through cost containment the school system has saved \$3 million from the FY'09 funding. The administrative budget reductions are \$2.4 million, and \$1.1 million from education services. The entire budget will be presented to the Board of Education on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. The Board will vote on the superintendent's request on Monday, March 9.

### **For the Good of the Cause:**

BEPAC Coordinator, Kathy Kunda, several requests for funding has come to BEPAC. Joe MacDonald, Instructional Coordinator for Social Studies, has requested funding for Maryland Leadership for the Student Council. The cost per student is \$225.00.

John Turner, Principal at Elk Neck Elementary, is hosting a Walk-a-Thon on May 1, from 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. Mr. Turner is hoping to raise \$12,000.00 to purchase 6 interactive whiteboards. For more information please go to the Elk Neck Elementary website or contact John Turner at 410-996-5030.