

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

MINUTES

Call to order at 8:05 by President Mary Lynn Devlin.

Ms. Devlin opened the meeting with a congratulation and gratitude to Mr. Henry Shaffer for accepting the position of Superintendent of Cecil County Public Schools for 4 years.

Mr. Shaffer commented on the great job that the Board did with regards to the search. Continuing, Mr. Shaffer emphasized that there are very capable people on the leadership team that could easily have fit the bill for the position. He commented on the personal reflection it takes for a person to consider applying for the position of superintendent.

Treasurer's report was given by Scott Sturgill. Current balance in the checking account as of today is \$16,464.07. Allocations to June 30, 2009 total \$9,553.54 and estimated income from outstanding dues is \$1,515.00. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Donna Rice and seconded by Harland Graef.

Partnership Development – Kathy Kunda reported for Dave Kirkley. Special thanks to Joanne Rufft from Artesian Water for making the “Thumbs Up” in the Cecil Whig last Friday. Joanne has been invited to present the water conservation 4th grade presentation at 6 more elementary schools.

STEM and Career and Technology Education (CTE) Summer Camps

Currently, recruitment is underway for business sites for both programs. The STEM Academy sites are geared toward Science, Environment, Medical and Engineering. The CTE camp will be for 15 students from Elkton Middle and will be geared toward the high and middle job classifications, including engineering and support services.

Project Lead the Way Advisory Council met with the 7 students at Perryville High on Friday March 6th. The students are divided into 2 groups and will working with the following engineers on their capstone projects:

Amy DiPietro, Morris & Ritchie
Stacy Zeigler, Duffield Associates
Ted Jasinski, Frederick Ward Associates
Prabu Prabhakaran, P&G Enterprises
Veronica Alvarado, ATK
Randy Rippin, RTR Technologies
Michael Doyle, RDECOM at APG
Patrick Ryan, RDECOM

Pro-Start Advisory Council

Andrew Levy, The Starboard Group
John Piles, Cracker Barrel
Brian Parkinson, Chillis
Torben Aarsand, Taco Bell
Kathy Thomas, CCPS Food & Nutrition Department
Paul Rodger, CCPS Food & Nutrition Department
Mike Andrews, Grist Mill
Rod Vanderzee, Blue Marlin & Buck's

Career and Technology Education

Drop-Out Prevention Sub-committee update was given by Marty Healy. The program at Elkton and North East Middle Schools will begin the week of April 6 and run through the first week in June. Volunteers are asked to contact the guidance counselor at each of the schools for a one hour tutorial on the program.

Ms. Joanne Seiblerling, Coordinator for Guidance Services, has provided the following summary of the program:

A.I.M. High Dropout Prevention Program

The A.I.M. High Dropout Prevention Program is designed to help guide a population of our at-risk grade 6 students reach their goals and lead productive lives. The strategic goals for the program are to lower the dropout rates and increase the students' understanding of the importance of completing high school with a Maryland diploma.

The program is designed to have a BEPAC representative participate in a minimum of 3 of the 8 sessions. The maximum commitment would be to participate in each of the 8 sessions to help foster a meaningful and supportive relationship with the group members.

We would also recommend that the BEPAC representative visit with the school counselor prior to the first session in order to gain a better understanding of the overall climate and culture of the middle school in which they will be working.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the program should contact Kathy Kunda for more details and a one on one introduction to the school guidance counselor. Kim Youngblood has volunteered to be the lead mentor at North East Middle and Kathy Kunda will be the lead mentor at Elkton Middle. A copy of the first lesson plan is available if you would like to preview the curriculum. Call Kathy at 410.996.5453 or email kkunda@ccps.org.

Board of Education FY' 10 Budget Request Presentation

Henry Shaffer, Superintendent of Schools and Tom Kappra, Chief Financial Officer presented the FY '10 Cecil County Board of Education Budget request.

Mr. Shaffer reviewed the strategic planning goals of the school system and followed with an overview of the budget request as they pertain to the goals. Mr. Shaffer reminded the members that the Cecil Technical High School has been delayed at least 18 months; he also told the members that the total funds needed for all school renovations and the new school total 430 million dollars.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Bruce England, Susquehanna Workforce Network

Tina Mike, Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union

Scott Sturgill, Harford Bank

Carl Pister, Cecil Partnership

Bud Felty, McCrone Incorporated

John Denver, Delmarva Power

Tari Moore, Moore Strategies

Nelson Bolender, Cecil County School Employees Federal Credit Union

Tom McWilliams

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, Joanne Young, Economic Development
Ralph Young, Cecilton Lions Club
Joanne Rufft, Artesian Water
Kim Youngblood, Long & Foster Real Estate

Cecil County Public School Representatives

Henry Shaffer, Superintendent
D'Ette Devine, Associate Superintendent Administrative Services
Carolyn Teigland, Associate Superintendent Education Services
Vince Cariello, Executive Director for High School Education
Kelly Keeton, Public Information Officer

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Kunda