

Business and Education Partnership Advisory Council (BEPAC)  
**Meeting Minutes**  
George Washington Carver Education Leadership Center  
May 26, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by President Mary Lynn Devlin. Ms. Devlin asked members to volunteer for one of the sub-committees for Career and Technology Education and/or the 2009 Golf Committee. Members were told that they would hear more about the CTE programs and if after hearing the good news if they had not signed up for a sub-committee they could do so after the meeting.

Kathy Kunda delivered the financial report for Treasurer Scott Sturgill.

Balance at April 30, 2009	\$16,331.29
Deposits	925.00
Balance at May 26, 2009	17,256.29

A special thank you to W.L. Gore & Associates philanthropy committee, on behalf of a request from Marty Healy a grant for \$200.00 was submitted to BEPAC.

Mini grant applications are in the hands of the judging committee and the committee selections will be presented to the executive committee on June 12 and the announcements will be made at the recognition breakfast on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Perryville Middle School.

Motion to accept financial report was made by Nelson Bolender, second by Donna Rice, unanimously approved.

Ms. Devlin briefed the membership on the recent Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) self-evaluation meeting that Marty Healy, Harland Graef and herself had participated in recently and would hear from Tim. Ms. Devlin told the members that the BEPAC organization was praised several times during the morning session as one of, if not the best, business and education collaboration example in the state. The continued growth of the organization is exemplary.

Mr. Corder started by telling the members that the MSDE self-evaluation was a requirement by the Federal Perkins Law. The goals, targets, weaknesses, challenges, strategies and opportunity for growth in the Career and Technology Education(CTE) programs were all part of the evaluation process.

Summary of report:

1. First school system to certify all programs that have a certification process; 171/17 programs
2. Currently Cecil county has 22 CTE programs
3. Special populations program for credit have been piloted this year for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. It is a career exploratory opportunity at the School of Technology.
4. Opportunities for growth include meeting the University of Maryland entrance requirements which mean including 2 years of a foreign language; increase non-traditional students; financial support for certification tests.
5. Increased number of internships for non-diploma bound students; this year there are 11 students in the program
6. Pro-Start program curriculum revision work will be done this summer with special education teachers.
7. Vocational support services team for 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be introduced

Mr. Corder concluded by thanking the members for their continued support.

Jennifer Bird, Guidance Counselor at the School of Technology, quickly reviewed the 2008 Fall Job Fair she organized for the students. Participation included 36 businesses and she hopes to increase that number for next year.

The date for the career fair next school year is October 21, 2009. 10:00-11:30 a.m.; set-up can start as early as 9:00 a.m. Ms. Bird concluded by thanking the members that did participate last year and asked others to contact her if they are interested in participating next year.

Superintendent's Comments included a thank you to Harland Graef and Bruce England for participating in the May 12<sup>th</sup> budget hearings. Mr. Shaffer quoted Harland Graef from his speech to the commissioners, "Do we value education as an asset or an expenditure." As of today Mr. Shaffer has not had to issue any High School Assessment waivers. Mr. Cariello acted quickly to put remediation measures in place to ensure that all seniors successfully completed the graduation requirements.

Mr. Shaffer thanked the members again for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kathleen Kunda

**Members in Attendance:**

Kris Wint, Haines & Kibblehouse  
Shana Overholt, Haines & Kibblehouse  
Joe Cupini, Terumo Medical Corporation  
Betty Gray, Cecil School Employees FCU  
John Betts, York Building Products  
Bonnie Clem, Hawthorn Suites  
Bruce England, Susquehanna Workforce Network  
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  
Kim Youngblood, Long & Foster Real Estate  
Linda Tipton, Delmarva Power  
Lee Dougherty, Cecil College

**Cecil County Public School Representatives**

Lauren Camphausen, Board of Education Member  
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Henry Shaffer, Superintendent  
Vince Cariello, Executive Director for High School Education  
Peter McCallum, Executive Director for Middle School Education  
Robert Davis, Executive Director for Human Resources  
Tim Corder, CTE Instructional Coordinator  
Joanna Seiberling, Guidance Coordinator  
Kelly Keeton, Public Information Officer  
Tim Corder, Instructional Coordinator for Career and Technology Education  
Jennifer Bird, School of Technology Guidance Counselor

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Kunda