

Business and Education Partnership Advisory Council (BEPAC)
Membership Meeting
October 28, 2008

Minutes

The October 28, 2008 BEPAC meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by BEPAC President Mary Lynn Devlin.

Treasurer's Report

Scott Sturgill reported a balance of \$2,682.84 in the checking account. Golf Outing should net close to \$9,000.00 after expenses. Adjusted budget will be available at the November BEPAC Membership meeting.

Partnership Recognition – Dave Kirkley reporting

New BEPAC member Ms. Joann Rufft representing Artesian Water was presented with a new member plaque. Artesian has already started to work with our science department. Several teachers will be touring two Artesian facilities on November 3, and Ms. Rufft is working with Mr. Cardo to provide speakers for elementary science lessons.

We will recognize our other new member Core Design, Inc. at the November meeting.

BIC Corporation has provided a “New Teacher Toolkit” for each of our 90 new teachers. Volunteers were recruited to help distribute the boxes to the teachers during Education Week November 17-22.

Recruitment, Retention and Recognition – Jim Gawthrop reporting

Mr. Gawthrop reminded the members about the 25 & 30 year employee recognition dinner scheduled for Wednesday, November 19 at the Rising Sun Banquet Hall. The cost for the evening is \$30.00.

Dates for future events are Student Teacher Appreciation Reception & Tour (START) **April 1, 2009** at the Chesapeake Bay Golf Course in North East and the Teacher of the Year **April 29, 2009** location to be determined.

Career Preparatory Education – Jim Brady reporting

Mr. Brady reported on the strategic plan that pertains to the two subcommittees, middle school Career and Technology Education and the student retention efforts. The first date for the student retention committee will be Monday, November 17, 7:30-9:00 Carver Center, Administrative Conference Room.

Mr. Brady introduced Tim Corder, Instructional Coordinator for Career and Technology Education. Mr. Corder reported on the CTE work-based learning assessment and placements. Power point link provided at the end of this report.

The CTE Middle School subcommittee is now forming. Mr. Corder reported the public engagement initiatives that have been on-going since school started this year. Every 6th grade orientation, middle school conference nights, and the School of Technology has invited 6th grade students and their parents to an informational night that includes a presentation from BSA+A Cecil Technical High School architects.

The subcommittee will be looking at supporting the CTE program recruitment with initiatives like classroom speakers, appearances at Career Days and business site tours. A big focus will be on the support jobs associated with BRAC and the opportunities that will be available as companies start moving into the region.

Superintendent's Comments - Mr. Henry Shaffer

Mr. Shaffer thanked everyone associated with the BEPAC Golf Tournament. Mr. Shaffer praised the committee and volunteers for an outstanding event.

Mr. Shaffer thanked and commended the membership for the continued support BEPAC brings to the Cecil County Public Schools. It is a model partnership that is recognized around the state.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Golf Committee Meeting followed the BEPAC Membership Meeting 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

John Betts, York Building Products

Nelson Bolender, CCSEFCU

James Brady, William H. Brady, Inc.

Brian Byers, Edward Jones, Inc.

David Cunningham, Energy Aid Consultants

Joe Cupini, Terumo Medical Corporation

James Dyekman, Dyekman Design, Inc.

Mary Lynn Devlin, Union Hospital

Jim Gawthrop, York Building Products

Harland Graef, Retired DuPont

Betty Gray, CCSEFCU

Marty Healy, W.L. Gore & Associates

Robert Hodge, RJH Management Group, LLC

Dave Kirkley

Laura Mayse, Cecil County Chamber of Commerce

Shana Overholt, Haines & Kibblehouse, Inc.

Elizabeth Petrick, Junior Achievement of Delaware

Tom McWilliams, Retired Widner University

Donna Rice, CCCTA

Joanne Rufft, Artesian Water

Chris Sopa, Sopa International

Scott Sturgill, Harford Bank

Lisa Trotta, Rock Springs Generation Facility

Joanne Richart-Young, Economic Development

Ralph Young, Cecilton Lions Club

CCPS

Tim Corder, Coordinator for Career and Technology Education

Kelly Keeton, Public Information Officer

Gwenn Barteld, Bohemia Manor High Lead Teacher

Karen Hammond, Elkton High Lead Teacher

Vic Kohn, Perryville High Lead Teacher

Lori Coleman, North East High Lead Teachers

Respectfully submitted by

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