

Business and Education Partnership Membership Meeting
Tuesday, November 24, 2009
Minutes

The November membership meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by BEPAC president Mary Lynn Devlin.

First order of business was the treasurer's report. Scott Sturgill reported on the checking account balance and the expenditures and allocations for the coming months. Motion to approve was made by made by Ralph Young and seconded by Donna Rice, unanimously accepted by the members.

The presenters for the meeting Jennifer Bird and Tim Corder reported on the mini grant award that was received from the BEPAC organization. Ms. Bird presented a power point presentation on the field trip to Penn Technical College and the Job Fair that was held at the School of Technology on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. Ms. Bird also asked the members to save the date for the School of Technology Celebration Ceremony to honor the seniors that will complete their programs in January. The event will be held on January 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the new Elkton High School auditorium.

Mr. Corder reported on the Career and Technology Awareness Program (CTAP) at the School of Technology. The primary purpose of the program is to expose middle school students to the 13 different programs offered at the School of Technology. Students learn about the opportunities to acquire industry certifications that will help them obtain entry level jobs in careers of their choice. Other advantages to attending the School of Technology include employability and work maturity skills, cooperative work experience internships, business partnerships, leadership opportunities and college credit. Additionally, students are invited to the open house. Plans are being made to have middle school 7th graders attend a career fair next year.

Committee Reports

Recruitment, Retention & Recognition (RRR): Kathy Kunda reported the success of the Cecil County Public School's 25, 30 & 40 Year Employee recognition gala. The event was held at the Chesapeake Inn on Wednesday, November 18th. There were 49 honorees recognized for their service to the students in the Cecil County Public Schools, including our own Henry Shaffer who was honored for over 40 years of service. Mr. Shaffer thanked all the members who attended the event and expressed his congratulations to Dr. Devine for organizing and hosting the event.

The next event will be the Teacher of the Year Gala scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2010; location to be determined.

Career and Technology Education Committee (CPEC): Harland Graef and Kathy Kunda reported on the progress with the subcommittees for middle school career exploration and the AIM High program. Ms. Kunda announced that Linda Tipton from Delmarva Power has volunteered to spearhead the initiative at North East Middle School.

Coordinator's Report:

Highlights:

1. PNC sponsored the National Science Foundation Planetarium program at Holly Hall Elementary. All PreK and Kindergarten students participated in the all day event. It is never too early to expose students to the exciting world of science.
2. Congratulations to Jessica Wukitsch, science teacher from Rising Sun High School, for accepting the invitation to represent the University of Delaware at the National Science Foundation Research

Experience for Teachers. The conference is scheduled for January 31 to February 2, 2010 in Washington, D.C.

3. On November 6th, 83 Career and Technology Education teachers spent their professional development day at regional business sites. A very special thank you to the following businesses for hosting our teachers:

Alcore

Aberdeen Proving Ground

Cecil County Government

Chick Fil-A

Clorox

Delaware Massage Therapy School

Independent Can

Sephora

Susquehanna Workforce Center

University of Delaware

4. Congratulations to Charlestown Elementary and York Building Products for their continued, outstanding partnership. Thanks to York Building Products, a subsidiary of the Stewart Companies, Charlestown Elementary students are now the proud owners of two new SMART Boards.

What's New?

1. The 2010 BEPAC mini grant applications have been sent to all 30 principals. Dr. Teigland has requested that all applications be sent to the executive directors before being forward to the BEPAC Office. Thanks to the BEPAC golf outing, there will be five \$1,000.00 awards this year.
2. Approximately 40 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Academy and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) students will be looking for advice from business mentors as they explore the opportunities to do a research capstone projects in science and engineering.
3. The 2010 BEPAC Membership Applications have been posted to the website and each member in attendance at today's meeting has received a copy. Please feel free to invite other businesses or companies to join our organization.

Superintendent's Discussion:

Mr. Shaffer commented on the outstanding performance of the All County Chorus he was privileged to attend last Thursday, November 19th. The Fine Arts program continues to excel in Cecil County because of the dedication of the fine arts coordinator Dr. Nelson Fritts. Recently, Dr. Fritts submitted an application to the Kennedy Center for the Arts for funding for the 2010 Summer Institute at Washington College. This past summer 125 students attended the Institute at a cost of \$475.00 per student for an 8 days intensive workshop. Of the 125 students 56% were from the Cecil County Public Schools and the other students were from 16 other Maryland counties. The advisory committee will be working closely with Dr. Fritts to help find ways to raise sponsorship money for this incredible opportunity to enhance the gifts of these talented students.

In closing, Mr. Shaffer wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Alan Andrichyn, Whispering Pines Mobile Homes

Nelson Bolender, Cecil County School Employees FCU

Mary Lynn Devlin, Union Hospital and BEPAC President
Lee Dougherty, Cecil College
Kristina Dunman, Cecil Partnerships
Jim Dyekman, Dyekman Design, Inc.
Linda Dyekman, Dyekman Design, Inc.
Bruce England, Susquehanna Workforce Network
Bud Felty, McCrone, Inc.
Harland R. Graef, DuPont retired
Betty Gray, Cecil County School Employees FCU
Ted Jasinski, Frederick Ward Associates
Tom Kirby, Verizon
Donna Kitts, PNC
Kathy Kunda, BEPAC Coordinator
Tom Lofland, PNC
Michael Parker, SAIC
Donna Rice, Cecil County Classroom Teachers Association (CCCTA)
Joanne Richart-Young, Office of Economic Development (Ag)
Henry Shaffer, Superintendent of Schools and BEPAC Secretary
Scott Sturgill, Harford Bank and BEPAC Treasurer
Ralph Young, Cecilton Lions Club

Cecil County Public School Representatives

Jennifer Bird, Guidance Counselor/School of Technology
Vince Cariello, Executive Director for High School Education
Tim Corder, Career and Technology Education Coordinator
Robert Davis, Executive Director Human Resources
D'Ette Devine, Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services
Kelly Keeton, Assistant in Administration

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Kunda