School Business Partnership Executive Council Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, March 18, 2021

Committee Members Present: Tony Stafford, Bob Bisson, Amber Davison, Melvin Greer, Adele Tierney, Melanie Scoggins, Julie Leidig, Dr. Scott Ziegler, Tony Howard, Geoff Lawson, Peter Kidd, Enid Machayo, Harris Mahedavi, Nancy Evanko, and Michael Perham.

Others Present: Grant Schafer, Tina Howle, Neil Slevin, Wayde Byard, Danielle Meyer, Nick Grzedz, Kristina Lee, Kelley Wyatt, Dr. Lhe Smith, Ashley Ellis, and Dawn Meyer

Location: WebX Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order and Review of January Minutes
   - Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Bob Bisson.
   - Motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2021 meeting by Julie Leidig. Nancy Evanko seconded the motion—Motion Carried

2. Committee realignment discussion
   - The Committee discussed several realignment ideas in how to reboot work force development between the committee and the schools.
   - Julie Leidig suggested that the committee re-think and refine the Job-For-A-Day program, to include more opportunities for highlighting trades and other jobs that do not require 4 year college degrees.
   - INOVA just had 72 students from 4 LCPS High schools attend a virtual meeting that allowed students to ask questions and get familiar with the INOVA program. This was a pilot program and it may be rolled out to the other High Schools—Agenda item for April 2021.
   - The question was posed if it would be helpful to bring some Career Center Assistants to a meeting to find out their needs from the SBP Council, and how the SBP Council can better serve the schools.
   - The question was posed regarding the LCPS school district’s plan for SY2022 for Equity in Learning. Grant Schafer will invite a member of Senior staff to speak about this at the April 15th meeting.

3. Melvin Greer-Propel and EDGE support
   - Melvin highlighted the need for the SBP Council to support the Propel and EDGE programs. The ability to impact students in the lower grades is important. Propel and EDGE have students ranging from 4th-8th grade and many of these students are from Title 1 schools.
• These programs are designed to develop high reasoning skills in students with experiential learning environments that are working to close the opportunity and belief gaps. LEF works closely with Propel and EDGE.
• A volunteer base is needed to include longer term commitments, funding for curriculum development, and other monetary needs.
• These programs are currently housed within the Science Department, under Supervisor Odette Scovel.

4. Computer Science Updates

• The Computer Science department is working with the Career and Technical Education Department (CTE) in creating curriculum for Computer Science in Middle school and High School
• Nick Grzeda, explained that the Computer Science department has been working closely with Microsoft TEALS (Technology Education and Literacy in Schools) and with Girls Who Code to develop internships and other opportunities. There are currently 41 applicants for a two-week internship over the summer.
• Members of the business community are needed to provide gateways to internships for students.
• Kristina Lee thanked the SBP council for their involvement with recent Internship Fair--over 350 students signed up. Also, there will be a link sent out to the council members for International Data Center Day on March 24, 2021.

5. Council involvement opportunities

• The Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee (CTEAC) is looking for Council members to serve on this committee. The link to the bylaws were provided to Council members.
• There was a March resume review and interview practice held at Freedom High School. 27 students submitted resumes.
• The Career Conversations program will be expanding in the fall to include over 300 students at 4 different high schools.
• A Business Honor Roll program was suggested. This would be a link to nominate and recognize businesses that work with LCPS. This will be discussed further at the April SBP Executive Council meeting.
• #LCPS Partner Newsletter—monthly newsletter attached to meeting documents and can be found on the LCPS Community Connections page.

6. Adjournment

The next School Business Partnership meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, April 15, 2021.
Meeting adjourned at 9:01am.