School Business Partnership Executive Council Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, October 21, 2021

Committee Members Present: Tony Stafford (Chair), Jenna Ardnt, Wayde Byard, Sarah Conlin, Nancy Evanko, Tony Howard, Harris Mahedavi, Kari Murphy, Mike Perham, Denise Rowell, Sharon Wright

Via Webex: Sue Crosby, Amber Davison, Jim DePrado, Melvin Greer, Julie Leidig, Gina Osorio Wallace, Adele Tierney

Others Present: John Brewer, Nick Cottone, Renee Dawson, Nick Grzeda, Nicole Herndon, Kristina Lee, Tamara Morgan, Danielle Meyer, Grant Schafer, Odette Scovell, Matthew Siler, Neil Slevin

Location: Seneca Ridge Middle School

I. Call to Order and Review of September Minutes

1. The meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Tony Stafford.

2. Denise Rowell made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2021 meeting. Motion was seconded by Mike Perham. Motion carried.

II. Opening Remarks and Principals’ Introduction:

1. Opening remarks were made by the Council Committee Chair as well as Seneca Ridge Middle School Principal, Nick Cottone kicking off the meeting with an “Activator” ice-breaker activity.

2. Principal Cottone and Dominion High School principal, Dr. John Brewer, gave a presentation about the diverse cluster their schools form expressing the focus on providing opportunities for growth and community contribution; access to resources; “real world” problem solving opportunities; a constant emphasis on the LCPS “Profile of a Graduate” (5C’s); alternative options and pathways in preparing for their future such as AOL, AET, Monroe, CTE pathways and gap year experiences that facilitate the pathway choices students make post LCPS.

3. Principal Cottone asked about sponsorship opportunities for businesses which would support older schools in updating learning spaces.

III. Student “Leadership/Ownership” Presentations:

1. A group of Seneca Ridge students shared the how they are making meaningful contributions to the community and incorporating the leadership/ownership skills they have acquired.
a. Drones Presentation (Level-Up) – how drones can be used in day-to-day situations and what sort of industries are they beneficial for?

b. Dancewear Entrepreneur (community contribution)

c. Equity Ambassador (community outreach)

d. Future Leaders of America Club

e. Finding ways to increase integrated learning opportunities

IV. Guest Speakers’ Presentations

1. LCPS PROPEL & Level-Up Coordinator, Tamara Morgan, gave a brief overview of these programs.

2. LCPS Special Ed Transition Specialists, Jenna Ardnt and Sarah Conlin also gave a short summary on the transition of special needs students explaining how their department’s programs help with planning life after high school by providing workplace readiness experiences.

3. Nicole Herndon, Loudoun Valley High School Assistant Principal, talked about the Capstone project, which is a business partnership opportunity that allows students to experience a career field for the last three weeks of their senior year.

V. 2022 School Business Partnership Breakfast Planning Update:

1. Grant Schafer gave the Council an update on the planning efforts for the 2022 School Business Partnership Breakfast:

   a. The breakfast is scheduled to take place on Friday, March 4, 2022 at the National Conference Center in Lansdowne.

   b. The history and purpose of the event was shared.

   c. This year’s theme was introduced: Building Community Partnerships to Accelerate Student Learning

   d. Some new awards will potentially be added for this year’s event

   e. Neil Slevin acknowledged and expressed gratitude to LEF for their support with the breakfast.

VI. Miscellaneous

Job for a Day is coming up on November 8 and 9. Tony Stafford stated that the event is all about the students and asked for the effort to try to honor the students’ job requests.
VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

The next School Business Partnership Executive Council meeting will be held on November 18, 2021 at Rock Ridge High School.