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

Committee Members Present: Tony Stafford (Chair), Jenna Ardnt, Wayde Byard, Sarah Conlin, Nancy Evanko, Kari Murphy, Mike Perham, Denise Rowell, Adele Tierney, Sharon Wright, Kim Yeager

Via Webex: Sue Crosby, Amber Davison, Jim DePrado, Melvin Greer, Julie Leidig, Gina Osorio Wallace, Melanie Scoggins, John Walsh

Others Present: Tyler Anderson, Renee Dawson, Joh Duellman, Annamika Hacikyan, Kristina Lee, Danielle Meyer, Grant Schafer, Neil Slevin

Location: Rock Ridge High School

I. Call to Order and Review of September Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by Tony Stafford.

2. Sharon Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2021 meeting. Motion was seconded by Denise Rowell. Motion carried.

II. Opening Remarks and Rock Ridge High School Overview:

Opening remarks were made by the Council Chair as well as Rock Ridge High School Principal, John Duellman.

1. Principal Duellman thanked the group for the opportunity to address the Council and for their commitment to the substantive partnership with LCPS and beyond.

2. In his presentation, Mr. Duellman talked about the Rock Ridge’s accomplishments from its construction and opening in 2014 to the lessons learned during the pandemic. He shared how inspirational the students have been through it all and have been partners with the development and selection of the school’s colors, unique mascot, mission and vision which are all representative of the diversity, respect, integrity, inclusive and collaborative nature that exists within the community.

3. Rock Ridge piloted a Duel Enrollment program in partnership with Richard Bland College of William and Mary. This program has saved families tuition funds and has given Rock Ridge students an introduction to the college curriculum prior to graduating high school.

4. Lastly, Mr. Duellman spoke about the outlook for potential partnerships that can take place between LCPS and community partners focusing more on student experiences and placement in collaborative environments such as Job for a Day, internships and the
Capstone program.

5. Tyler Anderson, Rock Ridge High School English Teacher and Director of the Capstone Project, gave an overview of the initiative that helps to build meaningful and reliable partnerships by providing academically eligible Seniors opportunities for post-secondary success through a two-week, fifty-hour civic engagement or professional internship or shadowing experience. Mr. Anderson mentioned the potential for business partner sponsorship opportunities for upcoming Capstone Project seasons.

III. Elevate Loudoun Student Conference & Computer Science Internship Post Event Report

Kristina Lee started by thanking Nancy Evanko for her participation in the Elevate Loudoun event and hosting a session. In their presentation of the event, Ms. Lee and Danielle Meyer shared statistical data, student participation information and business partner feedback. A total of 327 students participated in this event.

IV. Job for a Day Debrief:

Grant Schafer briefed the Council on the Job for a Day event that took place on November 8th and 9th and invited the council member that participated to share their experiences of that day. Mr. Schafer also provided gathered feedback and ideas for future JFD events. A total of 165 students participated in this event.

V. School Business Partnership Breakfast Planning Updates:

1. Contracts for both the venue and event registration system have been signed.

2. Award nominations are open and have been shared with school principal and the LCPS community. The deadline for nominations is December 3rd.

3. Table sponsorships and registration information will be available at the next Executive Council meeting.

4. Program and poster design entries have been submitted by 33 students of the graphics communication class at the Academies of Loudoun. The selections have been narrowed down to five and will be reviewed at the next Executive Council meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

The next School Business Partnership Executive Council meeting will be held on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at The North Star School.