School Business Partnership Executive Council Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, December 16, 2021

Committee Members Present: Tony Stafford (Chair), Wayde Byard, Sarah Conlin, Kari Murphy, Gina Osorio Wallace, Melanie Scoggins, Adele Tierney, Sharon Wright

Via Webex: Bob Bisson, Amber Davison, Jim DePrado, Nancy Evanko, Melvin Greer, John Walsh

Others Present: Stacie Ahrens-Mininberg, Jason Allison, Renee Dawson, Nick Grzeda, Kristina Lee, Danielle Meyer, Dave Royhab, Grant Schafer, Neil Slevin, Lhe Smith

Location: The North Star School

I. Call to Order and Review of November Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by Tony Stafford.

2. Renee Dawson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2021 meeting. Motion was seconded by Kari Murphy. Motion carried.

II. Opening Remarks and North Star School Overview:

Council Chair, Tony Stafford introduced North Star School Principal, Stacie Ahrens-Mininberg. Principal Ahrens-Mininberg thanked the Council for the opportunity to host this month’s meeting and talked about The North Star School, its students and what sets the alternative school apart from traditional schools.

Questions that came up during the introduction included topics such as:
• The number of students currently enrolled
• The availability of Computer Science and Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses
• The admissions process
• The school’s partnerships with local businesses

Assistant Principal, Dr. Jason Allison gave a presentation about the School to Work Committee:
• The school partners and collaborates with LCPS workforce organizations - have given the school community tremendous support
• Community member spotlights in the School to Work Committee’s newsletter
• Plan to host a Career Week during April 4th – April 8th
• Creating an employment resource kit for students for post high school career opportunities

North Star School’s Director of Counseling, Dave Royhab spoke about the counseling office and how it serves the North Star School student community. He shared that there are three specific areas the counseling office focuses on:
• Academic advising
• Social emotional health
• Career counseling program

III. School Business Partnership Current Work and Breakfast Planning:

Grant Schafer and Renee Dawson provided updates on current efforts including recent events, Elevate Loudoun and Job for a Day, updates to the LCPS Partner communication system and School Business Partnership Breakfast planning.

Elevate Loudoun
• 29 Business & Industry Partnerships
• Career Cluster information series
• Opportunity to work directly with students to prepare them for the next phase in their endeavors
• Résumé building and review
• Was virtual this year

Job for a Day
• 26 Business & Industry Partnerships
• 13 in-person participants
• 13 virtual participants
• There are plans for growing the program

Communication System Update
• Reimagination of LCPS Partner website
• Collaborate with Career Center Assistants
• Social media outreach
• Marketing and community relations - #lcpsREACH

School Business Partnership Breakfast Update
• Theme: Building Community Partnerships to Accelerate Student Learning
• Recognition and promotion of community partnerships
• Save the date – March 4, 2022
• Award Review Committee – January 6, 2022, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
• A change in seating arrangements due to pandemic precautions
• Sponsorship and promotional opportunities
• Backup plans and possibility of virtual components
• Student-created poster finalists - presentation and voting

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

The next School Business Partnership Executive Council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2021.