School Business Partnership Executive Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 17, 2022

Council Members Present: Tony Stafford (Chair), John Beatty, Bob Bisson, Wayde Byard, Nancy Evanko, Melvin Greer, Gina Osorio Wallace, Michael Perham, Denise Rowell, Melanie Scoggins, Adele Tierney, Stuart Vermaak, Sharon Wright

Via Webex: Amber Davison, Peter Kidd, Enid Machayo, John Walsh

Others Present: Jason Allison, Sarah Conlin, Nick Grzeda, Danielle Meyer, Kari Murphy, Grant Schafer, Neil Slevin

Location: LCPS Administration Building, Room 100A

I. Call to Order and Review of November Minutes

• The meeting was called to order at 8:09 a.m. by Council Chair, Tony Stafford.

• Denise Rowell made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2022 meeting. Motion was seconded by Sharon Wright. Motion carried.

II. Council Calendar Updates

Grant Schafer gave updates on recent and upcoming events and ongoing outreach efforts.

College and Career Readiness

• The Part-Time and Summer Job Fair was held at Rock Ridge High School on March 14, 2022.
  
  o 11 high school career centers participated.

  o 950 students, parents, and business representatives, including some council members, were in attendance making it LCPS’s largest event since 2020.

• The Career & Apprenticeship Fair presented by school counseling departments will be taking place on April 6, 2022.

• The upcoming Computer Science Internship Fair scheduled for April 18, 2022 will be the sixth computer science fair in two years. Nick Grzeda shared some insight on the event and how the program has impacted the community by providing professional connections and authentic learning experiences.

• Equinix will be offering a scholarship and mentoring to senior that are going to Northern Virginia Community College and are interested in the Data Center Operations program.
• The Academies of Loudoun will be holding a Signing Day for LCPS students entering skilled trade/apprenticeship pathways. The event date is still TBD but will most likely take place sometime in May. This will be an opportunity for students to sign with participating businesses.

2022 School Business Partnership Award Recognition

• Grant Schafer provided a refresher of the importance and background of the event as well as important details for that day.
  
  o Theme: Building Community Partnerships to Accelerate Student Learning
  
  o Date: Thursday, April 28, 2022
  
  o Location: Academies of Loudoun
  
  o Time: 6:30pm - 7:45pm
  
  o Dress Rehearsal: Afternoon of Wednesday, April 27, 2022
  
  o Event registration is now open!

• Mr. Schafer also gave a breakdown of the awards describing each award with details about the selection process and information about the awardees.

• Council members were invited to participate in the following areas:
  
  o Introducing award recipients at the event
  
  o Event sponsorship opportunities

III. New Business

Neil Slevin spoke about the VSBA Business Honor Roll and explained that it is an opportunity for the School Board to recognize community business partners. He gave a brief overview of the recognition process and how it has been linked to the School Business Partnership Awards in previous years. The recognition process consists of staff presenting their recommendations to the board, once approved they are then sent to VSBA and they send back certificates which will then be presented at a future School Board meeting. The tentative date for this year’s honorees is April 26, 2022.

• For this year, Staff is recommending to the Council, the recognition of Maverick Bikes, Heritage Hall and Lansdowne Resort as VSBA honorees.

• The Council voted on this action. A motion was made by Denise Rowell and was seconded by Melanie Scoggins. Motion carried.
IV. Executive Council Membership

- Current member commitment letters have been sent.
- Strategic mapping is in process for next year (and future years) focusing on recruitment and promotion.
- Prospective members will be recommended and voted on as a council at the April 21, 2022 meeting and the agreed upon names will then be forwarded to the School Board for final approval.
- Report on top business sectors in Loudoun County:
  - Where the current council falls, and
  - Industries that aren’t currently represented with potential for growth within the council.

V. Financial Update

- Neil Slevin shared historical details about the relationship between the two organizations created concurrently by the School Board - the School Business Partnership Council and Loudoun Education Foundation in relation to financial considerations.
- A financial agreement consisting of practices and shared understandings was presented and a supplemental document articulating the proposal was provided to the Council and each area was discussed.
- A motion to accept the shared understandings and financial practices, as described by staff, between Loudon County Public Schools, the Loudoun Education Foundation and the LCPS School Business Partnership Executive Council was made by Sharon Wright. The motion was seconded by Denise Rowell. Motion carried.

VI. Old Business

- There was a reminder about the renewal of by-laws to be renewed in 2023 and a call for Council interest to take part in a by-laws special committee.
- More information to come during the April 21, 2022 meeting.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

The next School Business Partnership Executive Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at the LCPS Administration Building.