School Business Partnership Executive Council Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, April 21, 2022

**Council Members Present:** Tony Stafford (Chair), Bob Bisson, Wayde Byard, Susan Crosby, Nancy Evanko, Gina Osorio Wallace, Michael Perham, Denise Rowell, Melanie Scoggins, Adele Tierney, Sharon Wright

**Via Webex:** Peter Kidd, Enid Machayo, John Walsh

**Others Present:** Jason Allison, Sarah Conlin, Renee Dawson, Sarah Eaton, Nick Grzeda, Kristina Lee, Danielle Meyer, Kari Murphy, Grant Schafer, Daniel Smith, Neil Slevin

**Location:** LCPS Administration Building, Room 100C

I. **Call to Order and Review of March Minutes**

- The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by Council Chair, Tony Stafford.

- Nancy Evanko made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2022 meeting. Motion was seconded by Sharon Wright. Motion carried.

- Welcome to new LCPS Chief of Staff, Dr. Daniel Smith

II. **College & Career Readiness Activity Reports**

**Computer Science Internship Fair**

- The Computer Science Internship Fair was held on April 21, 2022.

- Kristina Lee and Nick Grzeda gave the Council insight on what was the final of six fairs which have occurred over the course of two years.

- They gave thanks to all who participated and spoke about anticipated future fairs.

It was confirmed that next year’s fairs will be in person.

**The North Star School - School to Work Career Week**

- North Star Assistant Principal, Jason Allison talked about The North Star School’s first School to Work Career Week held on April 4-8, 2022.
  - 13 employers and 65 students participated.
  - Mr. Allison thanked the Council for their time and support with the event.
Council Chair Stafford provided brief feedback for more student involvement for future events.

School Counseling Career & Apprenticeship Fair

- Grant Schafer provided a brief overview of the event (Mr. Schafer spoke on behalf of Theresa Kurzeja who was not able to make today’s meeting) held on April 6, 2022.
  - 102 students and 74 parents participated.
- Ms. Rowell mentioned that it would be helpful for students who attend these career fairs to have more information about their work permits and their contacts are when seeking this type of information.

III. Guest Presenter: Sarah Eaton, LCPS Supervisor for Outreach Services

- Ms. Eaton spoke about the Community Schools Initiative describing the program’s mission of providing wraparound support services to students and their families.
- At the moment community schools are at LCPS’ six Title I elementary schools.
- The program consists of four foundational pillars to support academic success.
  - Health & Social Services
  - Mental Health
  - Family Engagement
  - Youth Development
- Ms. Eaton shared that the Community Schools program is always open and eager to partnering with the community in providing more opportunities for students.
  - A brief discussion about the examples of current organizations’ involvement and how Council members can become supporting partners, ensued.

IV. 2022 School Business Partnership Award Recognition

- Grant Schafer – the countdown to the event has begun. The ceremony is one week away!
  - Brief rundown of speaker/ award announcer assignments and event schedule
  - Walkthrough on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
  - Requested arrival time for council members on day of event is 5:45 - 6:00 p.m.

V. New Business
Renee Dawson shared an update regarding the LCPS Partner newsletter and the content that is featured there. She also mentioned that there has been an increased focus on strengthening the connection between LCPS Partner and the schools’ counseling teams.

VI. Executive Council Membership

- Strategic mapping is in process for next year (and future years) focusing on recruitment and promotion.

- Prospective members were recommended at today’s meeting. A motion was made by Denise Rowell to send the names of all current members as well as the below three names as potential new members to the LCPS School Board for final approval. Michael Perham seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - Stacy Metcalf, Morven Park
  - Katie Jones, NOVA Science Center
  - Sheila Escobedo, NOVA Community College - Loudoun Campus (change in representation – replacing Julie Leidig)

- 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.

VII. Old Business

- School Business Partnership Executive Council By-Laws were updated in 2018 and will be up for their five-year review in 2023.

- The by-laws special committee will be formed and is set to begin in the fall of 2022.

- Planned timeline for approval of by-laws:
  - April 2023 - School Board approval
  - May 2023 - Council approval

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

The next School Business Partnership Executive Council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at the Academies of Loudoun.