

WEAC Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

In attendance: Callen McInnes, Jenni Wagner, Dr. Alecia Mobley, John Preston, Pat Dale, Pat Larson, Lisa Howes, Kris Weiby, Linda Gagnon, Elsie Kreuger, Kristen Debosenski

Welcoming Activity: Attendees introduced themselves; Pat Dale also thanked Callie and Jenni for the Optimist Club presentation they did to the Optimist Club on March 3.

Meeting Minutes from 2/09/2021 were approved.

Job Olympics

- **Updates on scheduling, information exchange, etc. (starts week of March 15):** Callie asked the group for questions as the event approaches. Linda G. shared she has been receiving student info. (completed resumes, apps) this week in preparation for the event. Callie has tried to schedule volunteers as evenly as possible (based on availability) so as not to overload anyone. Pat D noted that some from the Optimist Club have offered to help as needed. Callie will let Pat as scheduling continues through the week. Callie also posted the sign up link again in the chatbox per Alecia's request.
- Callie presented the "OneSheet" document volunteers will receive prior to conducting an interview. The document includes all the links the volunteers will use for each of the students they've been matched to work with for the event.
- Jenni discussed prize distribution. Top winners will be receiving the \$100 Target gift cards and Ice arena/Pool passes that were donated this year. The prizes serve as a huge incentive for student participation in all 4 events. Several committee members offered to provide more incentives for next year.

Program Updates

- Students will have the option to attend the Transitions Plus program in-person 4 days a week beginning April 8. HTC has already moved to an in-person/5 day a week model which has really helped with student engagement. In addition, the canoe that students made in the Transition Program a few years ago is being marketed and sold by Matt Caruso's business students at the High School. It is ready for display in the new school store. Students are also learning to grow plants from seed and will learn to build planter boxes as a skill develop activity with the hope that the project will become a money maker for the TPlus Program.
- Callie reported that she and Matt Caruso have been approved to offer a section of co-taught Work Seminar next fall at the high school, The course is still in the development phase but the intent is to integrate and provide all students (both general and

special education) with the opportunity to have structured work-based learning experiences while in high school. Additional collaboration with Matt involves the development of some paid internships for next year. Currently, her students have been working in the school store and on other service projects.

Meeting adjourned.

Future Meeting Dates - April 13, May 11, 2021