

**Albany Area Community Education
Advisory Council Meeting
October 10, 2019 - Noon
Albany Secondary School – District Office Board Room**

- I. Welcome and Introductions**

- II. Review of Community Education Goals**
 - a. [2019-2021 Goals](#)

- III. Programming Reports**
 - a. Community Education/District Updates-Greenhouse is in progress with the hope to pour the floor this next week.4 buses have wireless internet so students can use their chromebooks.
 - b. Recreation Programming/BECC-BECC season starts on Nov 4. Registrations are now open. Flag Football was a success with 46 kids participating. Huskie Paws Volleyball is just finishing up with 48 participants.
 - c. Enrichment Programming/BEAT- Blooms and Beverages was new this season and done through the watershed district with 13 participants. Basic estate planning is new as well and has 16 people registered. We are having an amazing year for ticket sales in the BEAT. We have sold 558 season tickets and have 65 seats available for the Fab. armadillos.
 - d. Early Childhood Programs
 - e. Kids Company/Preschool Camp & Wrap-Around Care
 - f. Community/Other-

Purple Pride by the Railside Thursday, November 14, 2019 at
6 PM – 9 PM

- IV. Other**
 - a. New Programming Offerings & Brainstorm-- New this fall is the Middle School Robotics Team--11 students registered. Donations from Albany Jaycees and Albany Lions made it possible. This winter we will have our first competitive archery

team for grades 6-12. We have 4 coaches with the possibility of adding 2 additional coaches. Grants were received by the MN DNR and the Minnesota Turkey Association and the Stearns County Gobblers

- b. 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule- All meetings in District Office Board Room
 - i. December 12, 2019
 - ii. February 27, 2020
 - iii. April 16, 2020
- c. Open Forum

Goal #1: Provide additional programming opportunities in the BEAT and continue to improve current BEAT Series.

- Increase attendance at BEAT Series performances through increased marketing and public relations.
- Increase BEAT Series revenue through sponsorships, promotions or grant-writing.
- Research options for a BEAT Series scholarship program.
- Offer additional family-friendly events in the BEAT.
 - Ideas: family movie nights, holiday movies, children's events, senior citizen events
- Promote facility rental of the BEAT to outside organizations to increase revenue.

Goal #2: Increase programming opportunities for community Senior Citizens and older adults.

- Survey all AAS residents 55+ regarding programming interests, wants and needs.
- Collaborate with other senior citizen programming agencies to enhance or expand programming.
 - Organizations: Senior Linkage Line, Whitney Senior Center, Catholic Charities
- Program a bi-monthly "Senior Tuesday" at Albany Area Schools.
 - Ideas: speakers (PD, District/City staff), special interest activities (coffee, cards), concert dress rehearsals.
 - Purpose: to keep senior citizens engaged and informed.
 - Date/Time: Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 (during Tri-Cap bus hours)
- Research requirements for streaming school performances to Mother of Mercy Campus of Care utilizing district ITV equipment.

- Research intergenerational programming opportunities with community businesses.

Goal #3: Continue to improve Kids Company program through collaboration, staff orientation and continuing education, and increased opportunities for students

- Enhance training, orientation, and continuing education programs for staff.
- Expand current Junior Staff program to better engage our 3rd-5th graders and involve them in planning and program development.
- Evaluate current pricing structure and modify as needed.
 - Areas to evaluate/research: discounted rate on CE classes, vacation policy, inclement weather fees.
- Ensure Kids Company programs are partners in building Pawsitive Pride programs.

Goal #4: Continue to meet the needs of our ever-changing community and offer programming that is responsive to trends.

- Focus Areas/Ideas:
 - Middle School Programming - Robotics, Theatre, Other
 - NASP Archery
 - Flag Football for 3rd & 4th Grade
 - Elementary Enrichment Activities
 - Partnership with County Parks, State Parks, DNR

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