

Albany Area Community Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2019 - Noon
Albany Secondary School – District Office Board Room

A. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Renee Anderson-Mother of Mercy, Krista Dirkes-Parent, Allison Dudek-Stearns County/Parent, Cassie Novak-Community Ed Director, Kelly Neu-AACE, Alisa Schmidt-AACE, Tom Schneider-City of Albany

B. Programming Reports

- a. Community Education/District Updates - Cassie is back from Maternity Leave! Winter brochure is at the printer and will be in homes beginning of January.
- b. Recreation Programming/BECC -
 - i. Averaging 300 BECC users per week during the first month of extended hours.
 - ii. NEW Recreation Programs: Adult Hike & Sweat class offered through HIKEhoppers, NASP Archery Program.
- c. Enrichment Programming/BEAT
 - i. Tickets almost sold out for "The Nutcracker". Only 10 seats left for Fabulous Armadillos.
 - ii. NEW Enrichment Programs: Women with Power Tools-Pallet Projects, Basic Estate Planning, ACT Prep and Middle School VEX Robotics.
 - iii. Mother of Mercy will be bringing a fundraising concert to the BEAT in March.
- d. Early Childhood Programs - Preschool enrollments are still trickling in, however our PreK 2 (4-year-old program) is currently on a waiting list. Our 0-5 Thursday morning ECFE class is full and we also have good enrollment in all other ECFE sections starting in January and March.
- e. Kids Company/Preschool Camp & Wrap-Around Care - Brad and district staff have been working to train KC staff in TCIT (Teacher-Child Interaction Training) to help remain consistent with elementary school language. Currently aligning our program with elementary Pawsitive Pride programs.
- f. Community/Other - Save the Date for the 2nd Annual Lake Wobegon Community Expo on Saturday, March 21st. The District continues to move forward with Personalized Learning for all students grades PreK-12.

C. Other

- a. New Programming Brainstorm: **Fraud Prevention Class** in mid-May -- offered in daytime and evening (PD, Renee, FBI Agent -- show a video of a specific case -- affects civic philanthropy), **Grief Support** (CentraCare, Miller Carlin, Williams Dingmann, Blue Sky -- research if these programs are available in our community and if we can somehow support them or promote resources available), **Adult/Senior PotSpot Class**, Line Dancing, Funeral Planning, Summer Youth Art Series.
- b. Other Ideas Brainstorm: Senior curbside parking at the school for events, MOM always has rooms for us to use during the daytime if needed, utilize Tri-Cap bus Tuesdays
- c. 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule- All meetings will be held on Thursdays at Noon in the District Office Board Room
 - i. February 27, 2020
 - ii. April 16, 2020
- d. Open Forum
 - i. City Update: New street projects will start in 2020 to update sewer and water. Also adding a sidewalk down to the Community Center on 8th Street. Housing stats have leveled off to be a slow, steady growth.

2019-21 Community Education Goals

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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