

**Albany Area Community Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 12, 2020 - Noon**  
**Albany Secondary School – Google Meet**

**A. Welcome and Introductions**

Attendees: Al Amdahl-Albany City Council/AAS Teacher & Coach, Renee Anderson-Mother of Mercy, Liz Berckes-Parent, Lynn Brutger- Parent/CMUC, Brad Jensen-Kids Company Coordinator, Cassie Novak-Community Ed Director, Lynn Pennie- Parent/School Board Member, Alisa Schmidt-Community Ed Admin Assistant

**B. Programming Reports**

- a. Community Education/District Updates - With the district currently in a Distance Learning model, most CE programming is limited to youth programming to cut down on the amount of new bodies in the buildings. We are looking at offering more virtual classes for the community moving forward.
- b. Recreation Programming/BECC
  - i. We were able to offer summer and fall programs such as Flag Football, HITS, Basketball and Volleyball. All programs were modified to comply with our COVID-19 plan.
  - ii. Currently, we are offering youth and advanced Karate, Youth Bowling, and Piano Lessons.
- c. Enrichment Programming/BEAT
  - i. Most enrichment programming has been postponed, suspended, or canceled.
  - ii. All of our ticket sales these days are for Volleyball and Football games :)
- d. Early Childhood Programs
  - i. We recently wrapped up our 0-5 and 3's & 4's ECFE classes which were offered in person.
  - ii. Our Preschool students are now in a true Hybrid model, which means our 4-day program is now 2 and our 2-day program is now 1 day in person.
  - iii. Big shout out to our Preschool Staff as they have been working hard to comply with the covid policies while keeping preschool running as "normal" as possible
- e. Kids Company/Preschool Camp & Wrap-Around Care
  - i. Next week we will start our Emergency care as our District if shifting to Distance learning. We will provide care for all Tier 1 families that are enrolled in our schools along with families of at-risk children. If we are not at capacity with those families we will extend to all families of enrolled children.
- f. Community/Other -
  - i. Santa's Pioneer Village will open on Friday, December 4th! There are several area businesses and organizations that have sponsored buildings to decorate for the event. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there on Friday to welcome families and the village will remain open through Christmas!
  - ii. Other

**C. Other**

- a. New Programming/Potential Partnership Brainstorm:
  - i. Youth or Adult Cooking class- Christmas themed baking?
  - ii. Diamond Painting kits
  - iii. Internet safety class geared towards parents. Possible youtube video our IT department could put together. Current Knowledge Base:  
<https://www.district745.org/resources/technology/knowledge-base>
  - iv. Jewelry making class (reach out to Josie Dingmann)
  - v. Take home craft kits for the holidays
  - vi. Magic the Gathering online club
- b. 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule - All meetings will be held on Thursdays at Noon. Meetings will be held via Google Meet until further notice.

- i. January 14
- ii. March 18
- iii. May 13

## 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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