

**Albany Area Community Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 11, 2021 - Noon**  
**Albany Secondary School – District Office Conference Room**

**A. Welcome and Introductions**

Attendees: Al Amdahl-Teacher/Albany City Council, Krista Dirkes-Parent, Scott Hansen-School Board Member/Parent, Brad Jensen-Kids Company Coordinator, Julie Krumrei-Community Ed Admin Assistant, Sue Lemke-Community Member, Kelly Neu-Community Ed Coordinator, Cassie Novak-Community Ed Director, Lynn Pennie-School Board Member/Parent, Darcy Ruesink-Pondview Estates

**B. Programming Reports**

a. Community Education/District Updates

- i. We welcomed Julie Krumrei as our new Community Ed Admin Assistant this fall!
- ii. Programming is running as usual, with in-person classes going very well.
- iii. Our department is now responsible for communications for the district, including editing e-newsletters, creating the Huskie Howl, updating the website, and monitoring all social media accounts.

b. Recreation Programming/BECC

- i. Strong Youth & Summer Recreation programming- exciting to see kids out on the fields and in the BECC & gym this summer! We also have high numbers in Flag Football.
- ii. New Recreation this winter will be a youth baseball clinic at Avon Elementary (Grades K-2) and a 10-12th Grade Batting Clinic in the BECC on Saturday mornings.
- iii. The BECC season has officially begun with memberships growing every day. Last night was the second night of pickleball and community basketball, with 60 participants.

c. Enrichment Programming/BEAT

- i. Good turnout for Chess Club and successful Heartsaver classes. We have a new instructor, who is offering both adult and youth classes. This fall, her classes include Holiday Cookie Exchange, Health and Wellness Essentials, and Ice Cream Science.
- ii. We are excited to have the people back in the BEAT. We were able to hold the final shows of the 2019-20 series in September and have held the two shows in the 2021-22 series. We currently have 419 season ticket holders. Our last show had 575 attendees.

d. Early Childhood Programs

- i. Preschool enrollment is higher than last year (classes were reduced last year due to COVID). All classes remain at Avon Elementary School.
- ii. We hired a new Preschool Wrap-Around Care & Camp Site Leader, Emily Goebel. This position works closely with EC teachers.

e. Kids Company/Preschool Camp & Wrap-Around Care

- i. Summer field trips resumed this past summer.
- ii. Approximately 90% of students enrolled in Kids Company are in grades K-2.
- iii. Brad's office location has relocated from the District Office to Avon Elementary School.

f. Community/Other

- i. Drive-thru Christmas lights display will be happening again this year at Albany Pioneer Grounds, including Santa Day and lights on through the entire month of December.
- ii. Lake Wobegon Community Expo: Tentative date is Sat., March 19, 2022
- iii. A community meeting was held on 10/27/21 in the BEAT to discuss acquiring the former hospital for Early Childhood and Kindergarten space. More information will be shared with the community.

**C. Other**

- a. New Programming/Potential Partnership Brainstorm:

- i. Community Ed will begin promoting classes to the residents at Pondview Estates at their tenant meetings scheduled every other month, either through CE staff attending meetings or providing flyers.
    - ii. Explore fitness class options - currently no options in Albany.
  - b. Discussion on 2022-2023 Goals
    - i. See attached notes.
  - c. 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule
    - i. January 13
    - ii. March 10
    - iii. May 12