

**Albany Area Community Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 2022 - Noon**  
**Albany Secondary School – District Office Conference Room**

**A. Welcome and Introductions**

Attendees: Al Amdahl-Teacher/Albany City Council, Lynn Brutger-Magnifi Financial/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, Alisa Schmidt-Food Service Director/Parent.

**B. Programming Reports**

a. Community Education/District Updates

- i. Swimming lessons are being finalized for the summer. We are struggling to recruit staff.
- ii. A community ed e-newsletter will be sent out early next week with summer activities.
- iii. The BECC will be open on Tuesdays throughout the summer. We continue to try to find ways to have this space open for the public, while ensuring proper supervision of the space.
- iv. Summer staff is being hired for Kids Company.
- v. The Lake Wobegon Community Expo went very well with over 700 in attendance. The committee is excited to continue to grow the event in the coming years.
- vi. Wednesday, May 18 is the Early Childhood Family Night at North Park.
- vii. Upcoming summer events include Spunktacular Days in Avon in the middle of June and Albany Heritage Days in Albany at the beginning of August. Community Ed will once again coordinate the 5K event for Heritage Days.
- viii. This week we launched our microsite, [OurHuskiesOurFuture.org](http://OurHuskiesOurFuture.org) for referendum communications. This site will house all information regarding the upcoming referendum to renovate the former hospital on August 9, 2022. Family emails and social media will increase as well.
- ix. Travis Okerlund was offered and accepted the superintendent position on May 11, 2022. Travis was previously the director of Kaleidoscope Charter School in Elk River, and he was a prior principal in St. Cloud. He will be starting with Albany Area Schools on 7/1/22.

b. Recreation Programming/BECC

- i. Travel community ed elementary softball will be starting in 2 weeks
- ii. BECC is open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8am-4pm & Wed 8am-9pm through 5/18/22. Summer hours will include at least one night per week.

c. Enrichment Programming/BEAT

- i. Current new classes include Computer Wars taught by college students and Cake Pops class (elementary).
- ii. Announced our 22-23 BEAT season lineup with a video during the last show of this season on 5/7/22. Also included this information on our school website. Excited for a new season!
- iii. 22-23 BEAT season ticket rollover is being worked on. Email was sent to all current BEAT season ticket holders to renew their season tickets by 7/1/22. New BEAT season ticket holders can start to purchase season tickets on 7/1/22. Individual BEAT show tickets will be available to purchase beginning on 8/22/22.

d. Early Childhood Programs

- i. There are (5) 4-year old Preschool sections available for 22-23 registrations
- ii. There are (2) morning and (2) evening 3-year old Preschool sections available for 22-23 registrations
- iii. Nancy Trehey is retiring, but is staying on as ECFE parent educator.
- iv. There are (2) new special education teachers starting in the new school year.
- v. There are currently (2) PreK teachers out on maternity leave, who will both be returning in the fall.

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

- i. Summer Kids Company registration opened one week ago. There are just under 100 students registered for K-5 Kids Company Care, and about 15 students registered for preschool care.
- ii. This summer we will offer more flexible times for clubs (ex. Bike Club, Cooking Club, etc.) and we will have field trips approximately once per week (total 8-10 field trips this summer).

f. Community/Other

- i. Albany Farmers Market on Thursdays in the parking lot of Miller-Carlin Funeral Home.
- ii. We had a Purple Pride State Send Off for our Adaptive Bowling Team this morning at school. #PurplePride
- iii. Senior Scholarship Award Banquet took place last night on 5/11/22.

**C. Community Education Goals**

- i. Approved 2022-24 Albany Area Schools Community Education Goals

**D. Other**

- i. Interest in a future culinary class on seasoning foods with salt alternatives
- ii. Interest in toddler programming at the BECC for families
- iii. U of M opportunities
- iv. Science Museum offerings
- v. Theatre offerings
- vi. 22-23 Community Education Advisory Council meetings will remain on Thursdays from 12:00-1:00 pm. Dates TBD.