

**Business Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes**

DATE: Wednesday, September 12, 2018
PLACE: CRP Admin Building

CONVENE: 11:30 a.m.
ADJOURN: 1 p.m.

Roll Call: Andy Hill, Doug Beeman, Brian Pinkerton, Daniel Slife, Erik Allwood, Jason Venner, Jim Lawrence, Kathy Breitenbucher, Liz O'Grady, Mike Wagar, Rick Kortekaas, Linda Kramer, Julie Batey, Sandy Hall. Absent: Paul Alic, Robert Patrick, Tim Manion, Bill Niser, Glen Rutherford,

- 1) Call to Order: 11:41 a.m.
- 2) Review May BAC Minutes
 - a) All approved.
- 3) Review Summer Board of Education Agendas and Summer Update
 - a) Art Wright Stadium had new fencing installed this summer on the east and west side and additional Grizzly signage. All the fencing, gates, and signage work has been paid for by the same anonymous donor.
 - b) This summer, we had STEM camp with 300 kids and Coding Camp with 150 kids. It costs WCS roughly \$60,000 to run both camps.
 - c) It was the second year for Literacy on Lawn organized by teachers who volunteer their time. Families come to the various locations throughout the summer to read together.
 - d) WHS received the Suburban League National All Sports Award. This is the first time we received this award since the suburban league was realigned.
 - e) There was an update on the August agenda on areas we are working on to enhance school safety.
 - f) We have added a second resource officer through an agreement with the Wadsworth Police Department.
 - g) We are trying to get the Wadsworth Grizzly Foundation up and running. The purpose is to raise funds to support classroom initiatives above and beyond the money that can come from the district. The group is now working on a fundraising plan. If you have an interest, let Andy know.
 - h) The Carpentry program is building a house to auction next summer.
 - i) We continue to be able to keep class size low. We had 224 students registered for kindergarten in May but now it is up to 303 students.
 - j) The CIS project had a recent development when the state is now telling us we could eliminate CIS and disperse kids elsewhere and still have space. This is based upon enrollment projections from 2009. They are telling us we are not eligible for the 37% state funding to build a new building. When we segmented the project in 2009, we were under the belief the money would be there for us when we entered into phase 2. OSFC won't fund another study for us because they are not taking new applications but we can do our own study. We are being touted as the third fastest growing city in the Ohio but we haven't seen the kids.

- It should cost \$3,000 to do this study. We are trying to figure out how they calculate this with the growing number of special education kids needing classroom space and staff. We won't go down without a fight.
- k) The state is releasing the new report cards on Thursday. Our new Quality Profile will accompany the report card. Our overall grade as a district is a B.
 - l) Larry Obhoff is saying the state is putting out these grades on school districts and it can eventually affect the economy because businesses may not move into Ohio after seeing grades on report cards.
 - m) We did a refund of bonds because of lower interest rates.
- 4) BAC Plan
- a) The BAC plan needs a purpose, schedule, and bylaws, at minimum. Kathy heard the state is not reading these.
 - b) All members present agreed to include only one goal such as: To collaborate with our business community to gain an understanding of where needs lie in our community and to education them on programs and opportunities in our schools.
- 5) BAC Membership and Member Terms
- a) Received one name, Dan Chase, at Parker Hannifin, to replace Belinda Rospert on BAC. All in favor. We will extend an invitation to Dan and have board approve his nomination.
- 6) Around the Room
- a) Erik asked about the class rosters not being posted. Andy said we made a decision to not post class lists on doors at elementary schools for safety reasons. We were in the process of switching to a new ITC provider as well. There was a problem with parents seeing home room teachers on handheld devices versus on a computer. We feel we did it for the right reasons and we tested the process to make sure it worked, but then the technology failed us. We should be in a better position next year.
 - b) Kathy said she is working with the Four Cities Compact to do a speaker series with high school students about careers. Medina BAC is featuring parent education classes on topics that parents ask about. "Made in Medina County" is October 5. You can register for any tour that you want.