

**BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE:	Wednesday, February 12, 2020	CONVENE:	11:30 a.m.
PLACE:	Charles R. Parsons Administration Bldg.	ADJOURN:	1:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Erik Allwood, Julie Batey, Doug Beeman, Kathy Breitenbucher, Dan Chase, Jim Gray, Andy Hill, Linda Kramer, Jim Lawrence, Bill Neiser, Brian Pinkerton, Glen Rutherford, Jason Venner

ABSENT: Paula Alic, T.J. DeAngelis, Tim Manion, Robert Patrick, Daniel Slife, Mike Wagar

1. Approval of January BAC Minutes
 - a. Minutes were approved.

2. Review of February 10 Board of Education Meeting
 - a. CIS and Lincoln were the schools presented during the School Spotlight portion of the meeting.
 - b. CIS and Isham both received the momentum award.
 - c. CIS redesignated as a *School to Watch*.
 - d. RFP for construction legal services has been issued (board will decide who we will partner with - will then follow with RFP for architectural services).
 - e. Grandview Ave./Art Wright Stadium Project: The goal is for a recommendation to be made at the March 9 board meeting in order to complete this project.
 - f. A RFP will be issued this week to secure athletic training services.
 - g. A RFP will also be issued to secure photographic services. We have had discussions with LifeTouch, our current provider, about issues some of our parents have encountered.
 - h. Many donations are included on this board agenda, including those that will be used at the Franklin Elementary School library.
 - i. K-12 Prevention Education: Medina County received \$280K (how will this be allocated among the different districts?). If allowable, our hope is to use the money to pay for prevention specialist services or towards new school counselors.
 - j. College Credit Plus Agreements (Univ. of Akron and Stark State): These agreements outline logistics and funding arrangements for the programs.
 - k. Strength and Conditioning Coach: The new position came from an Extra-curricular Review Committee recommendation (will pay \$15/hr.).
 - l. Staffing Analysis - Broken down by regular and special education students (different teacher to student ratios exist for each group). We have 3,922 K-12 regular education students and 190 special education students in grades K-4. The document also contains information about our regular education special classes (physical education, art, and music), counselors, and speech/language pathologist ratios. The staffing analysis does not reflect classroom size accurately, but is the information

considered by the Ohio Department of Education.

The second document (class size/enrollment projections) is more realistic. The averages for grades 7-12 may not be as precise as K-6 due to scheduling at the middle school and high school. Special education class sizes depend on the disability category of the students.

Projection: We had projected 4,412 students, the actual number is 4,438. When projecting for the next four years, it is difficult to predict kindergarten enrollment, but will use an average. Enrollment is watched closely each year. As much as we don't want to be understaffed, we also don't want to be overstaffed. For next year, we may be shifting a third and fourth grade teacher to a lower grade level.

m. Credit Cards Rewards - Topic covered by D. Beeman

3. Four Cities Compact Career Counselor - Providing Assistance to Students with Career Path Selection

- a. Career advising in four districts (Wadsworth, Barberton, Copley, Norton)
- b. Corinne Magensky provides counseling
- c. Ryan Whited focuses on job training
- d. Start with asking students what they are good at and what they enjoy doing.
- e. Elementary career days are held
- f. Intermediate school level - students complete research projects with building counselors and teachers; Compact students visit and provide information
- g. MS students participate in lessons using Ohio Means Jobs resources
- h. MS students also participate in Reality Day
- i. HS students - Career showcase, Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal, Career Tech Thursdays, online job board, career connections
- j. Career-Based Instruction - Juniors and Seniors take a work-related curriculum and with help from a teacher, obtain and hold a job with a local business
- k. HS students - provide internship opportunities
- l. Visitors from business/industry visit students and students visit companies
- m. Job training (Ryan Whited) - Students with special learning needs work with school and Compact staff
- n. Need to instruct students how to apply academic knowledge (what jobs use math, etc.?) Get teachers out of the classroom and into the workplace
- o. Challenge of the school is how to provide opportunities to general population of students (those not enrolled in Compact programs) - will be part of the district 5-year plan (will need to rely on input from the BAC)
- p. Business Development Corporation would like to hire counselor that would be available to districts

4. New BAC Member/Candidate Discussion

- a. The BAC bylaws will be revised to allow for all three of the following individuals to be named as new BAC members:
 - i. Laura McDermott (Smuckers) - name spelling and contact information
 - ii. Karl Elsass (Elsass Financial Group, Inc.) (only one confirmed)
 - iii. Adam Barton (Pastor)

5. Around-the-Table

- a. EdChoice (Ohio scholarship voucher program), which has a big impact on school finance, is increasing from 500 to 1,227 eligible schools. While a school can be eligible based on one component of the state report card (i.e., third grade literacy), Wadsworth City Schools does not have an eligible school. Eligibility does not guarantee acceptance at another school. We do lose some students to the Peterson Scholarship and the Autism Scholarship each year.
- b. Next month's topic: Ask counselors to attend to participate in a discussion about how the BAC can help them to prepare students for the workplace.
- c. Proposed site for CIS: A site determination has not been made; March 2021 is the proposed deadline. Many factors will be considered, including the logistics of transporting students to and from the site.
- d. The State Auditor's Office is conducting a performance review of the Ohio Department of Education.