

# Albany Area Community Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2023 - Noon

## Albany Secondary School – District Office Conference Room

### A. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Al Amdahl-AAS Teacher/Albany City Council, Renee Anderson-Mother of Mercy Foundation, Lynn Brutger-Magnifi Financial/Parent, Dean Dirkes-Magnifi Financial/School Board Member/Parent, Brad Jensen-Kids Company Coordinator, Marlene Koopmeiners-Pondview Estates Assisted Living, Julie Krumrei-Community Ed Admin Assistant, Sue Lemke-Community Member, Kelly Neu-Community Ed Coordinator, Cassie Novak-Community Ed Director, Lynn Pennie-State Farm Insurance/Parent, Kristy Yurczyk-Early Childhood Coordinator.

### B. Follow Up from Previous Meeting on March 16, 2023

### C. Programming Reports

#### a. Community Education/District Updates

- i. The Early Learning Center is closing in on the final design phase. Building details will be included in the Huskie Howl newsletter within the next two weeks. There will be a formal groundbreaking ceremony held this fall.
- ii. Community Ed is fully staffed in all programs.
  - Aquatics staff have been hired and are preparing for summer swim lessons.
  - Sam Tate, AAS English teacher, will be joining our Community Ed staff as an intern this summer part time. Sam is also one of the soccer coaches, and will be a great addition to our team to assist with summer activities.
- iii. The grounds crew is working on field maintenance, preparing for our summer Community Ed programs.

#### b. Recreation Programming/BECC

- i. BECC
  - The extended BECC season has ended and summer hours will be offered on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
  - There are currently 510 BECC members.
  - There is an average usage of 404 participants per week in the BECC, with the highest participation day in February of 83 participants. We continue to have great walker turnout during the school day, and in the evenings.
- ii. Working on recruiting parent coaches for summer recreation programs.
- iii. Huskie Sports Performance and Fundamentals courses will be offered again this summer for weight training.
- iv. Swimming lessons continue to be a popular summer course offering with 466 participants currently registered.
  - There are 6 new aquatics staff members and 2 returning from last year, for a total of 8 instructors.
  - Lifeguard training and swim instructor training is underway.
  - We have 100+ more swimming lesson enrollments than in the summer of 2022 and are able to add more lessons if needed.

#### c. Enrichment Programming/BEAT

- i. We are offering some fun enrichment classes this spring:
  - Cake Pops
  - Robotics Camps
  - RC Wars
  - Hand-Knit Throw

- ii. The 22-23 BEAT season is completed:
  - The Garth Brooks Tribute show was a great success with 768 tickets sold!
  - We had 397 season tickets sold this season.
- iii. The 23-24 BEAT season tickets are on sale now:
  - 471 season tickets sold as of today!
  - There will be a max of 600 season tickets sold.
- iv. We are excited to announce the Kids Summer BEAT Series with 3 FREE shows on Tuesdays! Sponsored by Great River Regional Library, the Albany Jaycees and Community Education:
  - 6/27/23: The Circus Science Spectacular
  - 7/11/23: The Big Fun Show
  - 7/25/23: The Teddy Bear Band
- d. Early Childhood Programs
  - i. ECFE classes are in the planning phase for the 23-24 school year. Nancy Trehey will continue as our primary Parent Educator.
  - ii. 23-24 Preschool registration opened in March.
  - iii. We continue to encourage families to have their child participate in an Early Childhood Screening between the ages of 3 years, 7 months and 4 years old. This is a requirement to attend Kindergarten.
  - iv. The Early Childhood Picnic will be taking place on Weds., 5/17/23 from 5:00-7:00 pm at North Park. There will be many fun activities, including a food truck, Jupiter Moon Ice Cream, Charlie the Clown, Erickson's Petting Zoo, tattoos, music, games and more.
- e. Kids Company/Preschool Camp & Wrap-Around Care
  - i. Regular school year Kids Company attendance is around 120 students/day.
  - ii. The first day of Summer Kids Company is Thurs., 6/1/23. Summer KC is offered for students who were in PreK 2 (full days)-5 last year.
    - We currently have 130 summer contracts.
    - There are 8 summer field trips planned, with 1 per week taking place in August.
    - Kids Company will be closed on Tues., 7/4/23 and the last day of Summer Kids Company will be Fri., 8/25/23.
- f. Community/Other
  - i. There are 6 pickleball courts being installed at North Park.
  - ii. Pickleball "how to" is provided in Avon at the courts near the Lakers Field on Tues. evenings at 5:00 pm.
  - iii. The city is finishing up a project on Forest Ave to widen the sidewalks/dual use path.

#### **D. Community Education Goals**

- i. Working on Kids Co PD schedule/plan - every 6-8 weeks at staff meetings.

#### **E. Other/Open Forum**

- i. Senior program partnership ideas with the Mother of Mercy Nursing Home:
  - Potential of 200 participants per month.
  - Interest in exercise and balance activities.
- ii. Possible after school piano lesson offerings:
  - Ross Resley at ALE
  - Amy Wilwerding at AVE
  - Karen Heitzman
- iii. Possible fitness class offerings:
  - Jen Stich