



**Members Present:** Cathy Alper, Peggy Aycock, Bob Bergby, Joy Blount, Steven Brown, Donna Lane, Eric Byron, CeCe Cole, Debbie Hall, RT Hillery, Kevin Jackson, Jeff Karakoosh, Michael Kelker, Ken Lowrie, Tim Pluto, Mickey Reynolds, Carmen Rivera, Angela Salva, David Shifflett, Scott Simon, Ron Stiles, John Tracy, Susan Vernon-Devlin, Jerra Willman, Lisandra Sanchez, Kim York

**Guests:** Demetria Hayes, Michael Alameda, Rolana Edwards, Victor Marquez

**Item 1                      Welcome and Introductions                      Jerra Willman**

Jerra Willman welcomed everyone to the first Business Advisory Council meeting of the 2007-08 school year. She asked everyone present to introduce themselves and share their position with the group.

**Item 2                                      Minutes                                      Jerra Willman**

The minutes from the May 18, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

**Item 3                                      Year in Review                                      Jerra Willman**

Jerra Willman gave the group an overview of the activities and events from the 2006-07 school year. We held our first annual Tech Fest which raised \$9500.00. We awarded six \$500.00 scholarships. We participated in both the NAF Golf Tournament and the Crooms Golf Tournament. We also began planning for Tech Fest II which will be held on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. She also recognized all of Crooms business partners who earned the Commissioner's Business Recognition Award. One of our business partners has won this prestigious award four out of the last five years.

**Item 4                                      BAC Charter                                      Jerra Willman**

Jerra Willman presented the BAC Charter that the Executive Committee developed to the group. Peggy Aycock (Ken Lowrie) motioned that we accept the proposed BAC Charter. Agreement was unanimous.

**Item 5 BAC Committee Reports**

**Scholarship – Tim Pluto**

Six \$500.00 scholarships were awarded last year. Scholarship Applications will be available to seniors in January. The applications

will be reviewed in the spring and the scholarships will be awarded at the NAF Scholarship breakfast.

**Membership/ Marketing – CeCe Cole**

Tech Fest II marketing material is available. The first press release has gone out. We have secured three speakers for Tech Fest II.

**Curriculum – Mickey Reynolds**

Theme for the school year is “What Does It Mean to be Tech Savvy?” Applied Technology teachers may call on you for help in their classes. We will need a team to conduct exit interviews with our seniors before graduation. They are putting together professional portfolios that highlight their high school career.

**Internships – Debra Pollock**

This past summer, eight students completed an internship. There are four students with either a digital design or web design background that are looking for placement this fall.

**School Business Liaison – Cathy Alper**

Seven Job Shadowing field trips have been scheduled at Convergys for our junior students.

All business partners must complete a new business agreement for this school year. You also need to complete a dividend application. The Business Partners Breakfast will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Heathrow Country Club at 8:00 a.m.

**Fundraising – RT Hillery**

Tech Fest II is in the planning stage. We have completed most of the marketing information. We are working on securing sponsorships and registrations. The website is: [www.cait.scps.k12.fl.us/techfest/](http://www.cait.scps.k12.fl.us/techfest/)

Tech Fest phone number: 407-320-5744.

Next meeting is September 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome.

**Item 6 New Business Jerra Willman**

Jerra Willman called for nominations for the Vice Chairman position and Scholarship Chairman position. RT Hillery was nominated for Vice Chairman and Angela Salva was nominated for Scholarship Chairman. Both candidates accepted the nomination. John Tracy (Tim Pluto) motioned that we elect



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these two candidates so they can take their positions immediately. Agreement was unanimous. Ron Stiles offered to take the Fundraising Chair from RT. They will work together on Tech Fest II.

The next meeting is scheduled on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.