

Members Present:

Francoise Ager, Cathy Alper, Joy Blount, Colleen Brown, Eric Byron, Patrick Fletcher, RT Hillery, Tina Holden, Tarita Jones, Gene McCulley, Mickey Reynolds, John Tracy, Mary Tripp, Bob Tunis, Heather Veirs, Mercedes Whitaker, Kevin Wright, Chad Albritton, Dr. Collins.

Guests:

***Dr. Collins expressed gratitude of thanks to the council for their dedication and efforts. She stated that a huge difference is being made which is needed especially in these economic times. ***

Item 1 Welcome and Introductions

RT Hillary opened the meeting at 8:05 a.m. with the welcome, and beginning of introductions.

Item 2 Minutes V.Chair

The minutes from the January 16, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Item 3

- The financial report was read by Tarita Colon. Detailed information was given under the business/school liaison curriculum in regards to what the total amount detailed. This answered all questions, and the financial report was approved unanimously.

Item 4

- RT gave the council an update in regards to our website. Right now we are unable to move forward due to not being a 501 c organization. We are working on an alternate site, and looking into partnering with the foundation to assist us in opening the bank account which is needed to operate the website.

BAC Committee Reports

Curriculum

- Report given by Mickey Reynolds.
- Implementing Junior Achievement Success Skills which is a six week program. CCC teachers will work with this program with the 9th graders.
- Senior Exit Interviews are scheduled on April 27th, 28th, and 29th. If you are interested in interviewing our seniors please contact Mickey Reynolds 320-5786.
- LAN/Gaming party will be held after Tech Fest. This is an overnight activity that ends our Tech Fest III which will be held 5pm- 7:00 a.m. at Crooms. Prizes, food, and volunteers are needed. Eric Byron provided EA games for this event.

Job Shadowing

- Report given by Joy Blount.
- Job shadowing has been a great success. Completed General Works, Lockheed Engineer Week, EA/Microsoft DigiGirlz. Three field trips were provided by Junior Achievement and funded by AT&T.
- Universal will be the next job shadow opportunity.

Internships

- The goal for this year is to have 20 paid internships to offer to our rising seniors.
- Tech Fest III is a great place to offer any internships positions. A special area will be set up for employers who want to meet potential interns and collect their resumes. Interviews for the positions should begin by May so students will be ready to start employment on the first day of summer school in June.

Membership/ Marketing

- RT informed the council that the tours have increased the membership for our BAC. Next meet and greet is scheduled for April 28, 2009 at 8 a.m. Any new leads should be forwarded to Cathy Alper 320-5749.

Scholarship

- BAC Scholarships have been given to seniors through Mr. Hopkinson's and Barsalou's classes. This announcement was also emailed to parents. Deadline is April 1. If you are interested in reviewing and selecting recipients for this year, please contact Angela Salva - 407-244-5792 or asalva@vrphobia.com
- BAC rep will award the scholarships on Awards Night on May 21st at 6:30 p.m.

School Business Liaison – Cathy Alper

- Continuing to ask each member to forward any possible leads to invite to our "meet and greet" sessions. Next session is April 28th at 8 a.m.
- NAF dinner was a success. Our table spent over \$1,000.00. BAC members that attended: Kevin Jackson and his wife, Gloria Esteban, Joy Blount, Cathy Alper, Mercedes Whitaker and her husband.
- Continuing to build business partner relationship such as the Central Florida Educators Credit Union-they allowed Crooms to use their facility for a team building workshop.
- Crooms students are providing services to the Sanford Chamber of Commerce.
- Mrs. Fuentes' math students are providing services for the Sanford Airport Project.
- Students providing services for USA Cares.
- Crooms teachers providing computer classes for Sanford Chamber of Commerce to help raise funds for the scholarship program.
- Kelly IT Services has joined the BAC and will provide scholarships.
- ERAU will be providing scholarships.
- Junior Achievement to provide career related programs during 4th nine weeks.
- Steel Monkeys to support Earth Day on April 25th.

Fundraising –

Tech Fest III

- Patrick Fetcher gave updates on the event for April 3rd.
- The focus is relationship building with our community business partners. Keeping sight on the relationship year long.
- Benefits are given to our tech fest partners as an opportunity to build business, and work with students that may be future employees.
- We have raised \$16,950.00 thus far. Deadline for getting business logos on banner is 3/20 thus banner is being created.



- A logistical challenge could occur if a speaker does not show up or cancel at the last minute.....A proactive measure that we can use your help ---can you be ready to "pitch hit" as a speaker? Please contact Mickey 320-5786 so she is prepared to fill you in a position.
- Temenos Americas had a good strategy for supporting Tech Fest III--Jerra placed a donation bucket with our Tech Fest flyer explaining the purpose of our event and collected \$100.
- While the deadline to secure company sponsorship is March 20th (to get their logo on the banner) we can still raise funds as a supporting sponsors \$100. Please help us reach out to continue raising funds using "unique" strategies.

Chair Reports:

Booster/PTSA Updates:

- Mickey Reynolds stated that the booster club is trying to raise additional funds for "Crooms Cares." Food, backpacks and other items have been a tremendous help to Crooms families in need.
- The PTSA will be able to help with Tech Fest.

Member announcements/comments-went around the table to allow members to share any news/announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled: Friday, May 15th at 8:00 a.m.