

Twinsburg City School District
Business Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting
Tuesday, February 22, 2022
Twinsburg Public Library ~ 8:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Rob Felber (Board of Education), Kathi Powers (TCSD), Brian Linn (Twinsburg High School Principal), Alex Popovich (Supervisor of Curriculum), Belinda McKinney (Director of Human Resources TCSD), Todd Courtney (Crown Composites), Melissa Mertes (Mad About Marketing), Allyson Tonozzi (Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce), Matt Cellura (M & G Pools)

Meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m.

Minutes from the November 30, 2021 meeting were approved.

Welcome – Kathi Powers:

- District has now gone mask optional. Approximately one-half of the students are still wearing masks to school.
- Parent chaperones will be required to wear masks.
- Have been out talking with various community groups about the Tiger Legacy Project. Will be gathering feedback from community to share with the Board. The project has been narrowed down to building a new school where the stadium is located to replace George G. Dodge Intermediate School and moving Tiger Stadium to the high school campus. Athletic fields impacted by the construction project will be relocated to the current Dodge campus.
- Spring sports will be starting shortly and then graduation which is scheduled for May 25th at EJ Thomas Hall at The University of Akron.

Update from the Board Members – Rob Felber:

- The high school bonds have been paid off so THS is now owned by the residents of our community.
- Glad to be back on the Board and working together until 2023!

Update Regarding Career Readiness Curriculum – Alex Popovich:

- The official title of our workforce development course will be *Connections...* trying to make connections for our students and our partners;
- Presented the program to the District Curriculum & Technology Committee, to the Board of Education during a Strategic Plan Update, and to the Junior Class - members otherwise known as our Class of 2023;

- Want to target around 30 students – 24 have already signed up with a variety of professions of interest, 2 out of MH classroom, 4 or 5 out of the Twinsburg Alternative Program. Recruitment efforts are continuing;
- Will be making a survey for the students to complete so we can get to know them and their own personal interests;
- Some students are very motivated and know what they want to work on – others just want to see what is available and they would like to enjoy multiple experiences;
- Alex had a good meeting with Rockwell – will be giving out applications to the outgoing Seniors for positions they are looking to fill now. Will also have spots for internships that can possibly be filled with the *Connections* students in the Fall;
- Talked with the Summit Office of Economic Development – trying to find a polymer manufacturer that will come out and talk to the students who are enrolled in our *Project Lead The Way* program;
- Talked with representatives at University Hospital’s Ahuja medical facility and will keep the communications open regarding positions in all aspects of healthcare not just with physicians;
- Will be going to the Two Café in Chagrin Falls on March 9th with Tajuana Hunnicutt, Director of Pupil Services to explore opportunities they might have for our students with disabilities who may be interested in enrolling in the *Connections* course.
- Question to the group -- Are there any other opportunities coming up in community to spread more awareness about the program?
 - CVCC is having a Job Fair
 - Create a video explaining the program to blast out to HR departments
 - Flyers
 - Chamber can include in their emails
 - Rock the Park
 - Chamber After Hours networking
- Goal is to get information out to Freshman and Sophomore students so that by the time they get to their Senior year they will know what direction they want to take;
- Need to have an ‘employer training’ so they know what to expect from the student interns – should have consistent partner support. Suggestion to have a Sub-Committee of the Business Advisory Council so employers will have a contact person to provide support;
- Nestle and Swagelok connections – Melissa Mertes will try to work connect with representatives who may be helpful to the *Connections* course;
- Allison Tonazzi has a contact with someone in the Hospitality field;
- Questions: Have transportation issues been considered? – MH students would be able to be transported because of their IEP’s – rest of the students need to secure transportation just as they have done for Senior Experience;
- Dr. Patricia Stofiel of Life Hearing and Balance is interested in participating in the program if there are any students interested in Audiology; can also provide an opportunity for medical office/front desk experience;

- Reuter-Stokes will have a STEM Event on their campus May 5th. They are very interested in partnering with *Connections* – can provide opportunities in many areas – Engineering, Marketing, Research, HR;
- Question: How have you engaged parents of the students that have signed up for the course? Nothing planned yet but will work on a parent meeting/orientation possibly in April;
- City of Twinsburg may be a connection for a CVCC student that contacted Alex looking for a job shadowing experience with an electrician or an electrical company;
- The TCSD will have opportunities for students, if they are interested in a career within our school district, to shadow with teachers, maintenance workers, etc.;
- Question: Will there be a Job Fair this year as in the past? Nothing has been planned as of this date.

❖ Proposed next meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Meeting Minutes approved on May 17, 2022.