

Twinsburg City School District
Business Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting
Tuesday, May 30, 2023
Twinsburg Public Library ~ 8:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Rob Felber (TCSD BOE), Kathi Powers (Superintendent TCSD), Matt Strickland (Business Manager TCSD), Belinda McKinney (Director of Human Resources TCSD), Alex Popovich (Curriculum Supervisor TCSD), Jennifer Goings-Smith (Eaton Corp. Retiree), Toni Cluse (CVCC Career Specialist TCSD), Melissa Mertes (Mad About Marketing), Michelle Willmott (VMS)

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.

Minutes from the April 25, 2023 meeting were approved.

Update from the Board Members – Rob Felber:

- Class of 2023 is out the door – Congratulations to all the students!
- Reductions in staff were implemented across the District due to the “Precautionary” financial state the District was designated by the Ohio Department of Education’s Fiscal Oversight Office.
- Board will have a Work Session tomorrow to continue discussion on finances.

Updates – Kathi Powers:

- Out of 352 Seniors, 351 graduated
- The Senior Class received approximately \$40 million in scholarships

Career Readiness – Alex Popovich

Connections: Recap 2022-2023

- Capstone projects were May 15th and 16th at THS – overall the feedback was positive.
- The Connections course started with 30 students, 27 finished. The 3 students who did not complete the course needed credits to graduate. These students should not have been identified for the Connections course – anyone in the course should not be in jeopardy of not graduating.
- Several students participated in more than 1 job experience – had a mixed variety of experiences.
- Capstone presentations were very impressive. Some students could have benefitted from learning some presentation skills – on the list of things to include in the course for next year.
- Positives noted on the survey were building connections that might lead to job opportunities.
- Most negative response was the energy used to find placements and transportation. Students who couldn’t drive had limited options.
- Adjustments needed - Curriculum Supervisor will work closer with 12th grade school counselor on scheduling; focus on setting up stronger communications with placements.

- Trying to grow the Connections course next year; 20 students are already scheduled.
- 170 students participated in the Senior Experience; this number has grown from previous years.
- Invite Advisory Council to capstone presentations next year.
- TCSD was selected to present the Connections course at the OSBA Ohio Capital Conference, November 13, 2023 in Columbus.

Career Readiness Infographic

- The Infographic will be uploaded to the website.
- Career readiness goals came from the ODE.
- Participation from building Principals is critical. There will be a team at each building and an overarching District team.
- Need to consider how career readiness can be tied into the current curriculum; classrooms should work on career exploration.
- Information in Google Classrooms does not make it to parents - need to focus on getting information to parents; Career Readiness on the website will be improved to become more informative.
- Suggestion was made to create a separate link to the Job Board.
- Appreciate any help with recruiting new businesses - “Partner Right instead of Partner Rich”.
- We need to ensure that information is getting to parents in a timely manner so students will be prepared.
- Possibly look at having sub-committees of the Advisory Committee to focus on certain areas of career readiness instead of involving the whole group.
- March 6, 2024 will be the date of the next Job Fair at Twinsburg High School.

❖ Proposed next meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m. - Twinsburg Public Library

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Meeting Minutes approved on September 19, 2023