

Twinsburg City School District
Business Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting
Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Virtual

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Rob Felber (Board of Education), Mark Curtis (Board of Education), Kathi Powers (TCSD), Chad Welker (TCSD), Belinda McKinney (TCSD), Norm Potter (TCSD), Laura Hebert (Twinsburg High School Principal), Todd Courtney (Crown Composites), Melissa Mertes (Mad About Marketing), Michelle Willmott (VMS), Mark Annichine (Twinsburg Schools Foundation)

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m.

Minutes from the January 26, 2021 meeting were approved.

Update from the Board Members – Rob Felber, Mark Curtis:

- Rob Felber – Upcoming Levy – Issue 6 - \$5 Million Renewal Levy. This levy is a very critical part of the District funding. It is a renewal levy so there will be no new taxes for residents. If anyone is in need of a yard sign residents can contact a Board member or call the District. Help is still needed at the voting locations.
- Mark Curtis – Discussion of House Bill 1 – Fair Funding Proposal. The current funding mechanism has been called unconstitutional. This Bill, if passed, would allow Districts to be less reliant on property taxes for funding. Meetings are being held with legislators to gain support of the Bill. Currently our District is capped on a certain amount per pupil. This Bill will even things out across the board for school districts.
- Superintendent Powers shared two videos currently out that produced by the Blue Ribbon Schools Committee to inform and show support for the levy.

COVID-19 Update – Kathi Powers:

- Superintendent Powers will be sharing with the Board of Education the direction from the Ohio Department of Health to assist in the distribution of test kits to families. The District will be receiving 1200 kits that will be available to members of the community that are showing symptoms of COVID. They can receive a test kit from the Board of Education and follow the directions included to determine if they are positive or negative. Directions are virtual and included in the kit.
- Governor DeWine is also asking school districts to assist with the administration of the vaccine for high school students. Superintendent Powers has already communicated and expressed Twinsburg's desire to assist and provide a location for students to get vaccinated. More information will be released when finalized.
- The District is currently analyzing the parent survey feedback in order to develop plans for the 2021-22 school year. The District will continue to be

mindful of student and staff safety. The plan is going to take time in order to develop – we want families to continue to have confidence in the school district. Safety will remain at the core of all decisions.

Update Regarding The Academy at Twinsburg High School – Norm Potter:

- Donna Houston oversees the Senior Experience and the availability of seniors being able to get out in the workplace as part of their requirements has been difficult this year.
- Several students have been working on writing a weekly and a monthly newsletter for The Academy (two seniors and a 6th grader)
- Norm is pleased to see that the expansion of The Academy is now reaching down to the 4th grade
- Teachers are participating in the Corporate Curricular Challenges
- Due to the discussion and recommendations of the last meeting, documentation has been developed to describe how The Academy fits into the graduation requirements. The information is on the website and details the different paths and what requirements are needed to receive the different diplomas and seals. A streamlined chart for the course catalog is also available.
- The Academy is looking for feedback on how student clubs can better be incorporated into the curriculum.
- Norm currently has about 60 alumni that want to give back and participate in one way or another with the current students. He has been working with a small group of mentor alumni and students. He will be working on the liability, permission slips, etc. piece that will need to be developed.
- Dr. Hebert shared the stole that was designed and ordered to be worn by the seniors that have participated in The Academy programs (9 students). This is the first graduating class that will be wearing the stole and the first tangible moment that kids will have to have earned something by going through The Academy.
- A question for further input – How can we better prepare for the next group of students not knowing where we will be with the pandemic?
- Norm and Kathi have been working on an opportunity for students to actually take on Executive Roles similar to a Corporate Business. The students in these roles would help run the Academy and make decisions with the guidance of the Superintendent, Principal, Norm, and School Counselors. Business Partners would be asked for assistance in training students as CEO's, Vice Presidents, etc. and help them understand the functions and structure of Executive Leadership positions in businesses. This model could help take care of the loss of internships due to the pandemic should this continue. Kathi mentioned that the student voice is always important in what happens in the District and this would be a great leadership opportunity for the students. This is still in the exploratory stage but the Committee expressed their support.

- ❖ Proposed next meeting Date/Time:
Tuesday, May 25, 2021 @ 8:00 a.m., Location TBD (Editorial Note: Tthis meeting was cancelled due to a calendar conflict)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Meeting Minutes approved on September 28, 2021.