Twinsburg City School District
Business Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Twinsburg Public Library, Meeting Room #1 ~ 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), Jennifer Goings-Smith (retired Eaton Corp.), Michelle Willmott (VMS)

Meeting was called to order at 8:09 a.m.

Minutes from the February 22, 2022 meeting were approved.

Welcome/End-of-the-Year Update – Kathi Powers:

- It has been a great year! Thank you Allyson Tonozzi and the Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce for the opportunity to present our "State of the Schools" on May 12, 2022!
- Our Treasurer Marty Aho will be retiring – Board will soon interview for a new Treasurer.
- We are deep into planning for next year. State testing just finished. District will continue to evolve to meet the needs of the students and staff.

Update from the Board Members – Rob Felber:

- 8 days of school left! "State of the Schools" presentation was wonderful.
- $12,500 in scholarships were given away to students in the Senior class.
- The Board will be conducting the Treasurer search to replace Marty.
- Graduation will be back at EJ Thomas Hall.

Update Regarding Career Readiness Curriculum – Alex Popovich:
- ASWGlobal/AES/University of Akron presented to Project Lead the Way and Principles of Engineering/Design classes at Twinsburg High School in March. Students were very impressed with the presentation.
- Thanks to Allyson and Jenny for their help with the Job Fair. Twenty-six (26) businesses made the day a success – there was an array of opportunities for the students – food service, Sheffler from Wooster, numerous local companies, SSP Fittings, Becker Pumps, several nursing homes, Swagelok, Sherwin Williams, Lowe's. Time was from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Companies were actively recruiting as well as distributing information. Juniors as well as Seniors attended

- Some students secured summer jobs by attending the Job Fair. Have heard all positive comments.
- Some recommendation for the 22/23 school year: Hold the Job Fair earlier in the year (February or March); provide some type of checklists for the students while going through the Job Fair so that each table is visited by every attendee; provide questions that students can ask companies; provide some training in job prep skills (what to wear, resume prep, etc.)
- STEM event at Reuter-Stokes (May 5th) – Sixty-two (62) students participated and did an outstanding job with the challenges presented. Will continue to participate in the event in the future and try to grow the number of students (some students could not participate because of testing).
- *Connections* course update – over the next few months Alex will be locking down placements for the students. Thirty-one (31) students are registered – wide range of interests. Alex will share the Google Sheet listing areas of student interest so BAC committee members can add suggestions and connections to parents in the community that may be able to provide an internship.
- Once the school year starts, Alex will be reaching out to partners to make sure they feel supported.
- *Connections* course will be approved at the June 16 meeting of the District Curriculum & Technology Committee.
- Alex, Jen Farthing (Director of Curriculum) and Tajuana Hunnicutt (Director of Pupil Services) took a tour of the Two Café and Boutique (Two Foundation) in Bainbridge. Great place to visit! Alex is working on a placement for two (2) students with disabilities next school year. The Café works with the students throughout their Senior year and then works to provide gainful employment after graduation.

❖ Proposed next meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Minutes approved on September 27, 2022