

Williston-Elko Business, Education, Community Partnership

June 9, 2014

Minutes

Present were the following:

Ms. Cathy Smith

Ms. Joni McDaniel

Ms. Anna Johnson

Mr. Dwayne Cagle

Rev. Jamie Wooten

Dr. Tom Siler

Welcome: The June 9, 2014 meeting was called to order by Anna Johnson, Vice-Chair. The May 12, 2014 minutes were approved.

Continuing Business: Ms. Smith gave the update on the Middle School mentoring program. All mentors have received their first training. They also had the opportunity to meet with their mentee before school dismissed. The next scheduled training is at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

The seniors had their ice cream social last month as a celebration for participating in the Work Keys testing. Ms. Smith reported that not all of the Work keys results have come back to the High School. At this time, we have 1 gold completer. Any platinum or gold completers will be recognized in the People Sentinel.

Two to three students have been chosen to participate in the WIA Youth Work programs this summer. Thanks to Donna Roberts, from the SC Works Program, who solicited this endeavor.

Expense Approval: Ms. Smith proposed that the costs from the mentoring program be reimbursed to Williston-Elko Middle School. \$87.40 was spent on binders and supplies and \$42.46 was spent on food provided to the mentors during training. **The total expense was \$129.86.** There were only 6 members present to vote. We unanimously agreed to bring the vote through email to all members. At least eight approval votes will be needed to move forward.

New Business: Dr. Siler shared that he and Jeremy Walthers met and came up with tentative plans to start a fresh market stand at or near the Middle School location. This would reinvest profit to the community and give students the opportunity to gain work skills. The idea is to build a permanent structure. Walthers Farm has been very supportive of the Williston School District this year. More details to come.

Ms. Johnson shared that SRS will be hosting another “Science Week” this coming school year. They will be targeting math and science teachers. This is in hopes that the teachers will then report back to the administration and students on what to implement. Dr. Siler suggested 8th grade teachers attend in order to prepare our students in their IGP meetings for classes taken in High School that would benefit them in their future career choices.

Ms. Smith shared with the group that she had called Maria Rountree, Mr. Rountree’s father, to reconnect. She wanted to update her family on the progress of the BEC Partnership.

Ms. Smith mentioned the possibility of BEC hosting our students to attend future SRNS field trips. Her plans are to try and get donations from other companies in lieu of this.

Dr. Siler shared that the summer feeding program began today. There were 90 individuals served.

Mr. Cagle suggested a financial sheet be provided for each meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 14, 2014 at 4:00pm.

Prepared by Cathy Smith