

Below are the minutes from the last meeting. Also, please make a note of the next meeting and time:

Monday, April 13 at 5:00 in the Media Center. We have changed the time to 5 for our meetings, so we can accommodate more individuals. We will be voting for officers at this meeting, so please make plans to attend.

Minutes from the March 9, 2015 meeting:

Attendance:

Dr. Missouri Ashe

Bob Bruns

Ferlecia Cuthbertson

Dwayne Cage

Cathy Smith

Minutes from prior meeting were approved.

Mr. Bruns welcomed Dr. Ashe, the new superintendent. She is settling into Williston and meeting lots of people in the community. Her plan, in the near future, is to host community meetings.

Freddie Houston, with the Williston-Elko Community Resource Center, is donating \$10,000 to BEC. He and several BEC members will be meeting on Wednesday, March 11 to deliver.

Bob went over the financial statement. The only budget approval mentioned was a suggestion to host a reception for all businesses who have supported our school this year. More details to follow. Ms. Smith will get a rough estimate of people and cost and report back to the group at the next meeting for approval. Ms. Cuthbertson suggested the Williston Elko High School Culinary Dept making the food.

Mrs. Smith was able to get a generous donation from Walther's Farm to purchase college pendants for the middle school. The vision is to transform the look and feel of the middle school to a "college bound" approach. The plan is to have all of the students participate in the transformation within the near future. This will be followed by college trips scheduled for each grade level.

Ms. Cuthbertson spoke on behalf of the CommUNITY Coalition. This group meets every month. They are focusing on hosting 4 major events each year: Back to School Bash, Fall Mother/Son & Father/Daughter Dance, and recreation events. We are encouraging community members to attend this dance. We want all ages and races involved.

Ms. Smith shared the sample BEC brochure that was created. It's in the beginning stage. A few suggestions were made: incorporate more details with pictures; add mailing address, website link, add link to sponsorship details. After voting in April, the changes will be made and proposed to the group.

The voting procedures were discussed. A suggestion was made to speak with a Dayco Representative to be a business representative. An additional faith-based representative would be advantageous as well.

Six general members need to be present at the next meeting to vote.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13th. Time of meeting was discussed as well. It was decided to move the time to 5pm to see if this would increase participation.

Minutes prepared by Cathy Smith