

**Rice Lake Area School District**  
**Northern Lakes Regional Academy**  
**Red Cedar School**  
**33 Ann Street**  
**Rice Lake, WI 54868**  
**Northern Lakes Regional Academy Governance Council**  
**Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Minutes**

- I. **Call To Order:** The Northern Lakes Regional Academy Governance Council of the Rice Lake School District met in regular session at 4:01 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at the Northern Lakes Regional Academy, 33 Ann Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, with Andrew Mommsen, Chairperson presiding.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present—Jolene Anderson, Karen Chilson, Andrew Mommsen, Dave Myre, Sue Pederson, Jeremy Peterson, Curt Pacholke (arrived at 4:25 pm).
- III. **Notice of Posting:** Jeremy Peterson announced: The Council hereby finds communication and public notice of the open meeting, as required by section 19.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes, had been properly given by the presiding officer's designee. Such a notice and agenda to the official newspaper, the Rice Lake Chronotype, to the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram, the school district website, and to radio stations WJMC and WAQE, indicating the date, time and place of the meeting and such notice was given more than 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- IV. **Approval of 11-22-16 Minutes:** Jolene Anderson motioned and Sue Pederson seconded to approve minutes. All present approved.
- V. **Students in Innovation Update:** Jeremy Peterson explained to the group that the SII group of students had inadvertently sent a non-edited version of a promotional letter out area businesses. This letter was shown to Dave Myre, by a representative from Johnson Bank insurance, who then brought up the issue with Jean Havenor, and Jeremy Peterson. Dave expressed his concern that high school students should have much better grammar than what was on display in the letter. Jeremy explained to the group that since this mistake, the students had sent out a second letter to explain why the mistake was made (in that an initial draft of the letter). Jeremy then commented that positive feedback from a local realtor came back "impressed that the students took the time to rectify the problem". Jeremy also explained that he communicated Dave's concerns to Randy Drost. This then led to a comment made by Jeremy that many students failed to do homework when assigned, and that NLRA was trying to push kids to do more authentic writing so as to hold them accountable. In this scenario though, not being careful led to some negative feedback from the community.

**VI. Budget Update:** Sue Pederson gave a budget update stating that we currently have a total of \$1363.99 following paying \$10 incorporation fees and accepting a \$100 donation from Paul's Sheet Metal.

**VII. School Updates: All updates were shared by Jeremy Peterson with the group**

**A.** Rube Goldberg has been scheduled to compete on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at North Cedar Academy in Ladysmith.

**B.** New Roma Dinner/Silent Auction has been officially sold out for a few weeks. Several community members have inquired about tickets showing that there was more interest than the 98 people who had attended the event. The event will be held on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5-8 pm with two seating. All NLRA students will present some project that they have taken on during the event. Valerie Leair from the Chronotype was invited as well with a comped ticket for publicity purposes. During the event the Garden Vision will be presented to the public along with SII using it as a way to generate potential business. The silent auction was communicated to be partially online, and partially at the event. All funds raised will be utilized to begin creating a school garden. It was also shared, that a grant to Whole Foods for possible funding of this project was applied for.

**C.** The third term elective seminars were discussed. This included a Robotics seminar, an afternoon Careers seminar for juniors, a guitar building seminar, and an open History Day project seminar.

**E.** It was shared that 7 NLRA students toured Rice Lake Weighing's engineering/programming department along with the robotic welders on two successive days accompanied by Mark Beise and Steven Adams.

**F.** The seniors college acceptance rate was discussed. 8 of the 10 had already been accepted to WITC or a four-year college with firm plans to attend. Two still had not made any plans.

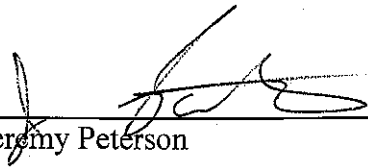
**G.** NLRA staff will be leading a series of ACT prep activities for all juniors the week of 2/20-2/27. Juniors will take the ACT and ACT workkeys on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, and March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**H.** Buckthorn project---An update on the DNR's Buckthorn project was shared. Liam Nelson and Abril Jimenez-Alcaraz have been working with the DNR, Dick Ballou, and the Ryan Vanderludt to produce this video. They recently got feedback on an initial draft from representatives of all of these organizations as well as from Rod Olson who gave key feedback they will use moving forward on this project.

**VIII. Miscellaneous:** Jeremy shared out that the school board had made some inquiries into relocating NLRA and other Red Cedar programs to Jefferson, but at this point it was just a discussion. As well, Jeremy brought up

**IX. Schedule Next Meeting:** The next governance meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

X. **Adjournment:** Jeremy Peterson motioned and Dave Myre seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

  
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Jeremy Peterson

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