

**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, February 24, 2015**

Minutes

- I. Call To Order:** The Northern Lakes Regional Academy Governance Council of the Rice Lake School District met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at the Northern Lakes Regional Academy, 33 Ann Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, with Andrew Mommsen, Chairperson, presiding.
- Roll Call:** Present— Jolene Anderson (via Comcast), Andrew Mommsen, Sue Pederson, Dave Myre, Jean Havenor, Pete Peterson; Curt Pacholke joined the meeting at 4:17
Absent—Karen Chilson
Others Present—None
- II. Notice of Posting:** Pete 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, Curt Pacholke. 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.
- III. Approval of 1-27-15 Minutes:** Dave Myre motioned and Sue Pederson seconded to approve minutes. All present approved.
- IV. 501(c) 3 Status/E-Postcard Form 990-N:** Pete reported that a letter was received from the government regarding the acceptance of all forms for our 501 (c) 3 status. We will maintain our tax-exempt status provided we make less than \$5000 profit within a fiscal year.
- V. Account Update/Cosigning Documentation:** Our balance is currently around \$300. There will be a minimal cost for filing with the state for an annual incorporation fee.
- VI. Grant News/Finance Acquisition**
- A. **Security Health Grant Letter of Intent Approval to Submit** (Action) A motion was made by Pete Peterson and seconded by Dave Myre to submit a grant letter of intent to Security Health. Pete, with the assistance of his wife, wrote the letter outlining the need for fitness equipment and the development of health related curriculum to help combat the on-going problem of obesity in Barron County.

- B. Request for Donation Letter Draft Review Jean Havenor shared the draft of a letter she had written to go out to community businesses and service organizations requesting donations to fund larger project ideas. Dave Myre motioned and Pete Peterson seconded to send out the amended letter as soon as the entire council has had an opportunity to see the revised version.
- C. Monsanto Grant Opportunity Andrew presented the possibility of obtaining a \$25,000 grant from the Monsanto Corporation. These monies would be used to finish the maker space. It was agreed that this should be pursued.

VII. Discussion of Enrollment Progress/Parent Meeting March 5th: Despite all efforts, enrollment for next year is low with only two students committed to attending at this time. It is hoped that the next makercamp opportunity will generate interest in enrollment. Curt mentioned that enrollment as a district is down. Efforts will continue to attract future students.

VIII. Panorama Piece Movement/Publicity: The Chronotype has agreed to write a Panorama feature that will cover the various projects students are engaged in. This should be within the next four to six weeks. A subcommittee of the school board is in the process of forming a publicity focus, using social media to attract interest in the RLASD. The council decided that Karen Chilson would be a valuable asset to this subcommittee in advancing the interests of NLRA. Pete Peterson and Curt Pacholke commented on the WKCE scores of this year's sophomores. 100% of these students scored in the Advanced or Proficient range, an accomplishment unheard of among public schools.

IX. Upcoming Events:

- A. Makercamp II/ Project Showcase
- B. End of year Project Showcase/Senior Defense Tuesday, May 26th
- C. Volunteers for Senior Defense 1-3 and 3:30-5:30
The next makercamp will be on April 16. Curt believes that, if contacted, one or both of the television stations from Eau Claire would offer coverage of that event. The Panorama piece dealing with projects will hopefully be published prior to that event. This could also elicit enrollment interest. Pete solicited council volunteers to listen to the senior defense presentations.

X. Schedule Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

XI. Meeting Adjourned: Jean Havenor motioned and Pete Peterson seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Jean Havenor

Date

