

**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
Wednesday, May 21, 2014**

Minutes

- I. Call To Order:** The Northern Lakes Regional Academy Governance Council of the Rice Lake School District met in regular session at 4:03 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at the Northern Lakes Regional Academy, 33 Ann Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, with Andrew Mommsen, Chairperson, presiding.
- II. Roll Call:** Present—Jolene Anderson, Jean Havenor, Marcy Minix, Andrew Mommsen, Dave Myre, Meg Olson,
Absent—Bruce Kaupanger, Curt Pacholke
Others Present— Jeremy Peterson
- Curt Pacholke joined the meeting at 4:09. Bruce Kaupanger joined the meeting at 4:33
- III. Notice of Posting:** High School Principal, Curt Pacholke 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.
- IV. Approval of 4-30-14 Minutes:** Dave Myre motioned and Meg Olson seconded to approve minutes. All present approved.
- V. Report on Financial Details of Current Budget:** Our current remaining budget is in better shape than originally thought. There is approximately \$38,000 remaining which must be spent prior to July 1. Most of this will go to staff development, particularly for training in Project Foundry. Mark Beise and Pete will be going to UW-Stout for Fab Lab training; purchasing equipment for bio-technology; and purchasing more thin clients and batteries is how most of the money will be spent. We should be able to meet our immediate needs and do some buying for the future. Because of budget constraints, the annual budget will move from \$50,000 to \$44,000. There will not be money available for big-ticket items, but we still should be in good shape.

- VI. Adoption of Project Foundry Management Software:** Pete and Meg inserviced on May 14 to gain a greater understanding of this program. The general feeling is that it is a much more established program than My LC and most of the paperwork that is generated now from scratch will be available on line. While there will be an increased cost initially it will be offset by the reduction in the use of Rosetta Stone and so will ultimately be more cost efficient.
- VII. Student Activities, Community Involvement and Accolades:**
- A. Benjamin's House Meal:** Mariah Johnson planned and served a meal to the residents on May 7th.
 - B. School Field Trip:** Tuesday, May 20th, 34 students along with Mrs. Olson, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Beise traveled to the Minnesota Zoo and the Aquarium at the Mall of America. A good time was had by all.
 - C. Senior Defense:** Seniors will be defending their projects to a community panel on Thursday, May 22nd from 9:30 to 11:00
 - D. Project Presentation Night:** Freshmen through juniors will be presenting their projects to family and friends on Thursday evening, May 29th, beginning at 5:30. A celebration and awards will follow.
 - E. Senior Celebration:** On Tuesday, June 3rd, seniors will celebrate their accomplishments at a dinner for families and staff at Lehman's. They will receive a separate NLRA diploma that evening. All our seniors will walk the stage at the RLHS graduation on June 4th.
- VIII. Bylaw Discussion:** The original and amended versions of the bylaws were handed out for discussion. It was agreed to clarify the amended mission and vision statements prior to amending the bylaws. Further work will be necessary on this document and the council will continue to work on this for approval later this summer.
- IX. Mission & Vision Discussion (continued):** Meg and Pete shared information they have developed to this point regarding the Makerspace concept. A brainstorming meeting was held with Meg, Pete, Bruce and Randy Schullo. Meg and Pete shared their vision with Larry Brown who has given his approval for this plan. At this point there is a need to go out to talk to some community members to gather their input. One June 23rd a presentation will be given to the school board. Pete and Meg then shared the Prezi presentation that was developed for Mr. Brown, the board, and a modified version for the governance council. After discussion and editing, Jean motioned and Jolene seconded a motion to accept the amended mission and vision statements.
- X. Schedule Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 2nd at 4:00. The council also recognized the efforts of Marcy Minix who is moving with her family to Milwaukee next month.
- XI. Adjourn:** Meg motioned and Dave seconded a motion to adjourn. All present voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52.

Jean Havenor

Date