

**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, March 20, 2018**

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, March 20, 2018 at the Northern Lakes Regional Academy, 33 Ann Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, with Andrew Mommsen, President presiding.
- II. Roll Call:** Present— Karen Chilson, Cindy Cragg, Jean Havenor, James Kiffmeyer, Andrew Mommsen, Dave Myre, Sue Pederson, Pete Peterson, Brandon Van Guilder
Absent—Dave Armstrong
Others Present—Curt Pacholke
- III. Notice of Posting:** Pete Peterson announced the following: 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, Pete Peterson. 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 1-16-18 and 2-20-18 Minutes:** Cindy Cragg motioned and Sue Pederson seconded to approve said minutes. All present approved.
- V. Budget Update:** Sue Pederson reported there had been no budget changes and the balance remains at \$1253.82. It was agreed that NLRA would purchase lunch for Bryan Bearheart's final student presentation on Wednesday, March 21st.
- VI. NLRA Budget Approval Item:**
 - A. Form 2SLA 3D Printer (\$5293.75)--** Action on ordering this printer was tabled after review the current budget printout and discovering there was not enough money to order.
- VII. School Updates:**
 - A. Big Read Participation**—Jean Havenor reported on activities associated with this city-wide venture and the positive reaction to lessons taught by Bryan Bearheart.

- B. Glowforge Laser Engraver**—this engraver had been ordered two years ago and has finally arrived! NLRA spent about \$3500 for this piece of equipment which now retails for over \$8000.
- C. ISN Conference Ambassadors/Staff**—NLRA will be sending five student ambassadors to this conference where they will introduce speakers and assist with other duties. These students will meet initially with the ambassadors from the two other schools invited to act in this role on April 10th at Wisconsin Dells. The actual conference takes place April 18 through the 20th. ISN is paying for food and lodging.
- D. 2018-19 Proposed Staffing**—Pete Peterson, Mark Beise and Meghan Raether will be full time at NLRA. Steve Adams and Matt Tebo will be part time.
- E. 2018-19 Enrollment Update**—While 14 students initially expressed interest in attendance, at this time only two have completed the enrollment process. Pete is unsure how to proceed: should the two students begin their high school experience at NLRA with hopefully more students enrolling before the fall? Or, should a “hold” be placed on the aforementioned two students until details of NLRA’s future location, mission and vision are determined? No decisions were made at this time.

VIII. NLRA Student and Parent Survey Feedback:

- A. Presentation of Results**—Pete shared the results of the student and parent surveys. A variety of information was made available with some of the most telling being the following: students and parents were often aligned in their responses; most students and parents agree that NLRA was chosen because of STEAM education and project-based learning; there is an extremely high rate of satisfaction with NLRA education.
- B. Proposal of Ideas**—Looking at the results of the survey, should the Fab Lab move to the High School to become an engineering academy track? What does the potential removal of STEAM education mean for those students who want to continue with a PBL model? If NLRA were to move to a wing of the High School, how can the current school identity be maintained? There are a number of students who are attending NLRA because of the school size. How will a move to the High School impact those students? It is felt by some teachers that there is a disproportionate number of students who attend NLRA because of social/emotional issues. How can/will those needs be addressed in the future?
- C. Committee Formations for Next Steps**—At Curt Pacholke’s direction, no committees were formed at this time. Basically, until a supervisory decision is made regarding the Ann St. site, there is little concrete that can be done at this time.
- D.**

Karen Chilson and James Kiffmeyer left the meeting at 5:18 and 5:10 respectively.

IX. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 4:00.

X. Adjournment: Cindy Cragg motioned and Dave Myre seconded a motion to adjourn. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 5:50.

Jean Havenor

Date