

**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
Thursday, February 21, 2019**

Minutes

- I. Call to Order:** The Northern Lakes Regional Academy Governance Council of the Rice Lake School District met in regular session at 4:02 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at the Northern Lakes Regional Academy, 33 Ann Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, with Dave Myre, Vice-Chairperson presiding.
- II. Roll Call:** Present— Karen Chilson, Cindy Cragg, Jean Havenor, James Kiffmeyer, Dave Myre, Sue Pederson, Pete Peterson
Absent—Dave Armstrong, Andrew Mommsen, Brandon Van Guilder
- III. Notice of Posting:** Curt Pacholke 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 11-29-18 Minutes:** Cindy Cragg motioned and Pete Peterson seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. All present approved.
- V. Open floor for Guests to Share Concerns/Questions:** No guests were present at this meeting.
- VI. School Updates:**
 - A. NLRA Update**—The RLASD School Board official approved the movement of the Fab Lab from NLRA to a space previously occupied by Randy Schullo at the High School. The School Board also approved necessary renovations, the purchase of a new laser engraver, and three new courses along with an independent study to be taught by Pete Peterson.
 - B.** NLRA will be combining with Success for the 2019-2020 school year in a hybrid format. Students will be able to take online, teacher-led courses, RLHS Fab Lab experiences or Youth Apprenticeship/Internship options. Currently, about 20 NLRA students have indicated a willingness to stay with this type of learning model.

- C. The December Showcase was very successful and over \$600.00 was raised for Benjamin's House. The National History Day Showcase was a museum-style presentation that raised \$200.00 from a chili feed benefiting Pioneer Village.
- D. The RLHS and NLRA Robotics team competed at a tournament in mid-February and came very close to making it to state competition, a real accomplishment for a first-time effort.
- E. A Target Grant was awarded which will allow students to take a field trip to the Science Museum on February 22, and attend a backstage lecture and performance of Romeo and Juliet at the Park Square Theater.

VII. Alternative Education Program Update: In a primarily informative discussion, Pete Peterson related how RLASD in cooperation with CESA 11 is exploring an option for a new charter school; this school would be for elementary and middle school and would utilize a program developed by Robert Marzano focusing on social and emotional needs. While this does not affect NLRA directly, a CESA 11 representative is interested if any current NLRA governance members might be interested in serving on the board in the future. Additionally, Pete is looking to start a STEM booster club that would serve as an advisory board for the new Fab Lab. Interested governance members should get in contact with Pete.

VIII. Budget Discussion: Sue Pederson reported a current budget balance of \$971.24. After discussion, it was decided to disperse these funds in the following way: 1. Paying for seniors' meals at the May 30 graduation at Lehman's. 2. Plaques given in recognition to individuals who assisted with their time at NLRA. 3. Paying for staff meals at graduation. 4. Underclassmen who have paid a \$5.00 deposit to attend graduation. 5. Any remaining funds to be used for an end-of-the-year celebration and costs incurred creating plaques (at the discretion of Pete Peterson).

IX. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

X. Adjournment: Jean Havenor motioned and Karen Chilson seconded a motion to adjourn. Meeting concluded at 4:45.

Jean Havenor

Date