

**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 27, 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, January 27, 2015 at the Northern Lakes Regional Academy, 33 Ann Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, with Andrew Mommsen, Chairperson, presiding.
- II. Roll Call:** Present— Karen Chilson, Sue Pederson, Jolene Anderson, Andrew Mommsen, Dave Myre, Jean Havenor, Pete Peterson  
Absent—Curt Pacholke  
Others Present—None
- III. Notice of Posting:** NLRA Principal, 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.
- IV. Approval of 12-16-14 Minutes:** Karen Chilson motioned and Jolene Anderson seconded to approve minutes. All present approved.
- V. Treasury Update:** Following the dinner on December 16, \$743.00 was deposited into an account at Dairy State Bank. Pete ordered checks and a debit card for this account and after applying for our 501c(3), approximately \$300.00 remains.
- VI. Movement on 501c(3) Status:** Pete's name is on the account as a teacher liaison for the 501c(3). Even though we have not received the documentation, we can operate as if we have.

The conversation then covered some non-agenda items. Pete shared three items of interest.

1. The Kohl Foundation has awarded NLRA to receive a \$3000 scholarship based on student need. The three staff teachers met and agreed to give this scholarship to Victoria Corton,

2. Pete completed a grant application to Lowe's for \$5000 for materials to build furniture. It is hoped that this grant will be awarded as NLRA will need to furnish the rooms on the west end of the building when they are vacated next year.
3. Discussed the current enrollment, the upcoming open enrollment window, and a future maker camp directed toward St. Joe's students and a two-week summer camp targeted at middle school students.

**VII. Developing a Project Fund:** Pete stated that many student projects have remained small in scope, primarily because students don't have the money to fund larger ideas. He would like to establish a project fund where students would go through an application process to possibly receive monies to fund those more costly projects. The council brainstormed ideas on how to do this. It was generally felt that providing the Chronotype with pictures and copy on student projects for the Panorama section would educate the public on the function of the school. A follow-up letter to businesses and community organizations soliciting donations could raise funds. Another idea was to sell advertising on different levels for the school yearbook. Jean Havenor will draft a letter of fund solicitation to be shared at the next meeting.

**VIII. Senior Defense/Exit Interview Feedback and Share-out/May 26 Date:** Karen Chilson and Jean Havenor shared their experience with the January 20<sup>th</sup> Senior Defense presented by our semester graduate. Karen was impressed by the student's composure and preparedness as well as the format of the rubric provided to the reviewers. Because NLRA has ten more graduates who will be sharing on May 26<sup>th</sup>, Pete asked if the council could help with this process from 1-3 and 3:30-5:30 on that date.

**IX. Schedule Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

**X. Meeting Adjourned:** Pete Peterson motioned and Dave Myre seconded to adjourn the meeting. All Present voted yes. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

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Jean Havenor

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Date