

**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, November 29, 2018**

**Minutes**

- I. Call to Order:** The Northern Lakes Regional Academy Governance Council of the Rice Lake School District met in regular session at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, 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, Sue Pederson, Brandon Van Guilder  
Absent—Dave Armstrong  
Others Present—Mark Beise
  
- 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, 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 9-27-18 Minutes (Action):** Dave Myre motioned and James Kiffmeyer seconded to approve minutes. All present approved.
  
- V. Open Floor for Guests to Share Concerns/Questions:** No parents or guests were present at this meeting.
  
- VI. Fab Lab Movement Update:** Pete reported that he appeared before the curriculum committee for a second time on 11-27-18, the first meeting being informational. Not much progress was made regarding approval. The curriculum committee has approved adding three new courses and dropping three in the current Tech Ed. program. The new courses will provide 2D and 3D CADD programs for solid works certification as part of an engineering pathway. Additionally, these classes will provide a fab lab experience with individual modules to be taken independently. The curriculum committee supports moving the Fab Lab from NLRA to the high school but is unsure regarding the cost of adding a FTE coordinator. The coordinator's time will spend teaching Fab Lab procedures 60% of the time with 40% providing lessons

to be used by teachers as was done in supervising computer labs. Voting on this issue will take place at the next board meeting.

- VII. Update on Alternative Education Program Formation:** There is not enough time to complete needed renovations to the former Jefferson school. Therefore, the alternative education program will be housed at Ann Street for the 2019-2020 year. Potentially, there will be a hybrid between teacher-led instruction and the current Success program. There are no easy answers for what this program should and/or will look like but Mark Beise related that there will be four caveats: 1.) An aim to have continuity of staff in the teacher-led classrooms. 2.) Create a small school environment. 3.) Develop a sense of community among students. 4.) Students should not fail before attending. Randy Drost has reached out to NLRA parents for input regarding best practices for a revamped alternative education program.
- VIII. Budget Update:** Sue Pederson reported that the current balance is \$971.24. A conversation regarding how these funds should be used resulted in the following suggestions. Jean Havenor suggested subsidizing the winter visit to Wolf Ridge. Pete Peterson felt the costs of hotel rooms for the state ISN conference could be covered. The idea of hosting a combined graduation ceremony and all-class reunion proposed by James Kiffmeyer received the greatest response.
- IX. Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Showcase:** Students will be presenting their Fall projects and a fundraising dinner featuring pulled pork sandwiches for sale with the proceeds to benefit the Family House. The showcase will have a museum-style open house and attendees will obtain stamps in their “passports” to be eligible for door prizes later in the evening. The event will run from 5 to 7 p.m.
- X. Next Meeting Date**—Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m.
- XI. Adjournment:** Jean Havenor motioned and Pete Peterson seconded a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:00.

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Jean Havenor

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