

REPAC March Meeting Minutes

3/14/19

Attendees: Crystal Biles, Jeff Koweek, Kellie Rigsbee, Karen Seifert, Julie Pack, Sabrina Lamar, Kim Bowers, Jim Wennerstrom, Jamie Baize-Smith, Tom Edds, Jenny Umbarger, Jill Bosecker, Todd Patton, Cindie Burns, Michelle Dennis, Michelle Rice, Sharon Barrell, Tim Velegol, Gwen Gilbert Yueh, Sara Neal

Motion to approve February minutes pending ammendment: Todd Patton

Second:Kellie Rigsbee

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Julie Pack-Executive Director of Career and Technical Education

Background-Dr. Pack is in her 24th year in the education field. She began as a high school history teacher before becoming a curriculum director for 6-12th grades. She has served as director of AIG and IT, as well as CTE. Dr. Pack believes that everyone is destined for a career no matter where they start. This seed needs to be planted in elementary school.

CTE is a federal and state funded program comprised of sixteen career clusters, including arts, health sciences, law, IT, and STEM, among others. Engineering falls in the STEM cluster which is growing to meet industry demand. Dr. Pack is responsible for making sure all money spent meets state and federal guidelines. She strives for efficiency, consistency, and transparency.

Dr. Pack's goal is for the engineering program to be a preeminent program that other schools look up to. One flaw in the CTE program is that it doesn't encourage CORE subjects such as ELA and History.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report (Todd Patton):

Science Olympiad made \$650.00 with the pizza bill still outstanding.

The REPAC account currently stands at \$12,500 and Robotics has \$9,000.

Programs and Grants: (Kim Bowers)

REPAC is submitting a grant to Harbor Freight for money for materials. Anyone with ideas for purchases should contact the grants committee. Todd asked for help transporting merchandise from Harbor Freight.

More speakers are needed for NTHS's Engineering EXPO scheduled for April 6th. Anyone with possibilities should send e-mail to address provided in EXPO e-mail sent by Jeff Koweek.

Spirit Wear (Cindie Burns):

A large order is placed in the spring for the following year, and is reflected in the budget as an expenditure for 2018-2019. The new sweatshirt design has been selling well. Cindie asked for input for additional sweatshirt offerings and will send pictures of samples to the committee.

President's Report (Jeff Koweek):

Jeff extended a thank you on behalf of REPAC to all those who helped with Science Olympiad and Spring Speaker Day. Both were successful.

There are two more REPAC monthly meetings left this year. During the May meeting, the committee will vote for Board of Directors and annual dues.

Mandy Summerson will be taking over for Kinsey Wennerstrom as coordinator for Durham Bulls concessions coordinator.

The REPAC website will be operational by spring break.

Senior Celebration is June 7th. Stephanie Austin is coordinating again this year.

TIM TALK (Tim Velegol):

Registration: Ms. Williams anticipates the lowest enrollment in many years for the coming year, with 1,690 students enrolled. However, due to registration glitches, 25% of students are not yet registered. Aerospace Engineering and SIM may be cancelled due to low enrollment. Three of seven orientation sessions for the engineering program have been completed. Tim would like another volunteer for the session on 3/18.

Tim would like the committee to consider adding a parent liaison for the robotics club.

Final Exam Schedule: June 6th and 7th are the only regular final exam days. State mandated exams will be administered during the last five days of the semester. With Monday being graduation practice and Tuesday being exam make-up day, that leaves Thursday and Friday for exams. June 3rd and 4th will be teacher made exam and year-long class exams. June 5th will be English 2, Biology, and Math 1.

Consideration is being given to making honors/AP chemistry a year-long class next year to improve AP exam scores.

Bus 1 is full for Carowinds trip. Another 50 students are needed to add a second bus.

Meeting adjourned.