

Greater Madison Area Chamber of Commerce Education Committee Minutes 03-07-2018

Mission Statement - The Committee will promote and support education at all levels and enhance the educational partnership within the community.

Present: Penni Groce, Courtney Storm, Charlotte Groce, Kitty Kringen, Ann Zerfas, Kristine Harms, Melissa Miller, Jeff Heinemeyer, Megan Bousquet and Michele Keppen

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Penni, seconded by Ann. Vote: motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Minutes: Motion made by Kitty, seconded by Penne. Vote: motion carried.

Old Business:

1. DSU Discover Day is covered for this school year.
2. Educator of the Year and Friend of Education Award application forms are updated and going out to educators. The committee would also like them to go out to parents.
3. MCS teacher of the year and the Basin Electric scholarship award recipient have been determined. A heart felt thank you to those who served on the committees and judged the talents.
4. A possible tour of DSU is in the planning stage. Committee members will be advised prior to our next meeting where to meet.

New Business:

1. Recognition Awards - Retirees are being honored this school year with a certificate. The Above and Beyond Award box will be placed at the Community Center location before the end of April.

Reports:

MCS Foundation – No report.

Junior Achievement – No report.

Madison Christian School – The January and February service project; Pennies for Patients was a success. February also marked the 100th day of school celebration. March, music in the schools month, will include the Festival Choir traveling to Mitchell and a concert by the Pre-K and elementary students. The March service project at the Gathering was postponed until April due to weather. Family bowling and fellowship was March 4th and this week is Dr. Seuss week. Six churches in the community have been

served a brunch/lunch in the past weeks. This, a fellowship and community ministry tradition, has been fulfilling every year it has been done.

Professional Training Services – No report.

St. Thomas School - Another successfully passed Accreditation process is behind them. Now STS is looking forward toward their Annual Spring Dinner and Auction, the STS Kindergarten Screening, and the 5th grade participation in Meals on Wheels. The Laudate Choir (3rd, 4th, 5th graders) sang at Mass and other events this school year. During Lent activities include; Tuesday Stations of the Cross; Wednesday praying the Rosary; special prayer services, songs, and doing good deeds. The younger students are taking up donations with the proceeds going to the St. Frances House in Sioux Falls. Holy Thursday all will participate in the schools traditional Pascal Meal.

DSU – Events include DSU’s Research Symposium, hosting Michael Rose for his talk, and hosting Dr. Peju Layiwola of Lagos, Nigeria for her talk on her art practice. Katie Anderson is helping to organize the ECET2¹, started in 2012, which will be held for the first time in South Dakota. It is being funded by NSTOY² who received a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Vaile A. Swenson, a student, represented DSU at our State Capitol this February.

The Madison Regional Healthcare System (MRHS) will partner with DSU’s Workforce Development Alliance (WDA) for a chosen student to receive a nursing major and paid internship at MRHS. The student will complete an accelerated nursing program and finish with a guaranteed job in their field after graduation.

There are 64 student teachers out in the field right now and the committee hopes to welcome 38 new student teachers for next fall.

Madison Central Schools - No report.

Valiant Living – No report.

Chamber Notes:

Make a note of the Annual Meeting/Mixer on Mar 26, from 5-7 at the DPP.

Next Meeting:

April 4, 2018, at a location to be determined. Looking forward to a DSU Tour.

¹ Elevating and Celebrating Effective Teachers and Teaching

² National State Teachers of the Year