

Cougars for Better Education
September 28,2011

Attendees: Bobbie Treadway, Susan Wood, Evelyn Brophy, Teresa Barnett, Dave Huss, Lisa Carmin, Kathy Morrison, Mary Jo Shaughnessy, Geoff Aiken, Jeffrey Henderson, Cara Huss

1. Lisa Carmin made a motion to accept the slate officers, and Cara Huss seconded it. The slate is as follows:

President-Dave Huss

Vice President Bobbie Treadway

Recording Secretary – Cara Huss

Treasurer – Julie Buerglar

Corresponding Secretary – Susan Wood

The vote to accept was unanimous including a proxy vote by outgoing President Ross Grimes. Cara Huss stated that they are still looking for someone to take over the Recording Secretary position, but as they were told by the Grimes that the Treasurer position needed to be filled, all efforts were first made to find a replacement for that office as the fall campaign needs to be started. Cara also had a concern about having just learned that the Recording Secretary was to be the third signer on the checking account, however, Dave found in the bylaws that the third signer is actually to be the vice president, so Bobbie Treadway will be added to the account.

2. Evelyn Brophy took minutes from the last meeting and presented them for approval. This was tabled as a few corrections needed to be made. She will email them for approval.

3. There was no Treasurer's report to approve since Mike Avila stated that it was mostly unchanged since the last meeting. Copies of the last Treasurer's report were available for viewing by the members.

4. Teresa Barnett mentioned that again the staff apperception breakfast in May was a great success. Jeanne Heeb and Deanna White will be back to help this May. They are always a huge help. Teresa asked for \$250 for the breakfast. Lisa Carmin motioned and seconded by Mary Jo.

5. Lisa Carmin talked about Celebrated Cougars. We will have nomination forms and there are still some names to be considered. Lisa has also been handing out Brick Walkway forms at North gatherings. Every C4BE member received an order form. A late winter senior letter will also be sent out. She has been considering the possibility of planting a low border plant to protect the edges from being stepped on.

6. Student assistance was discussed and it was decided for Evelyn Brophy to contact Tonya Pettay to see if she is still heading this up. If not, Evelyn will get input from Ms. Rillo on any improvements which we can be made to the current system of giving each counselor a debit card to assist students with personal needs.

7. Mary Jo Shaughnessy reported that she has not started on a new directory as the materials she needs have not been given to her. She will try to obtain them, but as it is late it was decided that a supplement with such things as new staff and the new schedule would be a more realistic undertaking then trying to redo the entire directory at this point. It should also be more cost effective to wait until next year to publish an entirely new directory. It was also mentioned that some of the information in the directory is already on the North website and might not need to be included.

8. Kathy Morrison discussed the website and many problems she is having. The new changes no longer allow remote access. Steve Cole had suggested that she make a Google site instead. The problem with this approach is that it does not allow us to use Pay Pal and that appears to be important. Kathy plans to contact Mike Avila to find out how important it is. Mr. Henderson will try to fix the remote access problem. He said North has been caught in the middle of MCCSC's computer changes because last year we did not have an IT person. Now we do, but it is unsure if we will be converted to Power IT.

9. Achieves were discussed and we determined that we need to investigate what exactly we have in that area.

10. Evelyn Brophy stated that she has been in touch with Kathy Rillo, concerning the possibility of combining the two College Awareness Nights into one in January, with financial aid information in the LGI and

a panel of college representatives in the library. Moving the recent graduates portion of the program to one or more enrichment periods was discussed. Ross Grimes' previous idea of including a section on information about obtaining sports scholarships was mentioned, but the new AD, Mike Mossbrucker, may be working on something along those lines.

11. Dave Huss stated that we already have one grant request. That is for the yearbook.

12. Dave also said that the fall campaign would be starting in a few days. He will email Mr. Henderson to have it on the North listserve. Mr. Henderson also offered to have it printed on the backs of the report cards.

13. Mr. Henderson was very enthusiastic about the new tutorials. He said they will soon be adding one on Fridays. He also said students are making use of the afterschool library help which runs until 4:30 and has two interventionist teachers present (math and English). Students sign up at the beginning of the day to ride the late bus home if needed. He and Mr. Aiken agreed that much more homework is now being turned in. He also mentioned that for students still not turning it in there is now a mandatory lunch with an administrator. He also stated that within departments the grading policies are the closest they have ever been.

14. It was decided to hold future meetings at 7:00 PM. The next meeting being October 26th.