



**Holly Springs Business Alliance
Meeting Minutes
Holly Springs High School
December 4, 2008**



- I. Meeting called to order:** Jenny Mizelle, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.
- II. Members present:** Elliott Blades, Cyd Brown, Linda Crandall, Kim Crawford, Lynn Kerin, Steven Hitchner, Bruce Friend, Sarah Carter, Jinger Gibson, Rick Carroll, Jenny Mizelle, Shannon Baker
- III. Approval of Minutes**
Minutes from the November 6, 2008 meeting were approved.
Motion: Steven Hitchner
Second: Rick Carroll
- IV. Announcements**
- Bruce Friend, a new member, was introduced.
 - Mr. Johnson, Principal of Holly Springs High School is still out with pneumonia. Although he was hospitalized a second time, he is now home. Since Mr. Johnson will need to recover at home for a few more weeks, the WCPSS Board has placed an Interim Principal, Dr. Beavers, at the school until Mr. Johnson's return.
 - Jenny Mizelle is hoping the Chamber of Commerce might host a meeting between the Chamber's Education Committee, the Holly Springs Business Alliance and local PTA's so the groups can discuss their common goals. This may help the groups coordinate and complement each other's efforts.
 - Linda Crandall will write an article for publication in the local papers about Bland Landscaping's employees receiving School-to-Career Volunteer Awards this year.
- V. Steering Committee**
- No report.
- VI. Mentor Committee**
- Middle school mentees met with high school mentors on November 13.
 - Community mentors met with high school mentees on November 20. In November we had more mentors than mentees. Ms. Baker mentioned ideas on how to encourage student participation on a regular basis.
 - The next meeting for middle school mentees will be December 11. The middle school mentees will be able to visit the Holly Springs High School Career Expo with their high school mentors.
 - The next meeting for high school mentees/community mentors will be December 18.
 - The Pierce Group was unable to sponsor November's mentor lunches. Novartis was kind enough to pick up the slack and covered the meals for November.
 - Progress Energy will sponsor December's mentor lunches.
- VII. Student and Career Development Committee**
- The Extra Step Award subcommittee will meet December 5, 2008 at Holly Ridge Middle School. Gemma Heiges, Rick Carroll, Shannon Baker and James McArdle (Holly Ridge

Middle School Character Education Chair) will finalize a nomination form to send out to Holly Springs High School and Holly Ridge Middle School teachers.

- The Video Committee will resume work in mid-January.
- High School Career Expo:
 - Ms. Baker has received several donations from companies, including about 700 coupons for the student drawings and much of the food for the breakfast and lunch.
 - Thank you certificates will be sent to exhibitors and presenters.
 - After the Expo, Ms. Baker will request that the Business Alliance website be updated with pictures from this year's event.
- Career Day at Holly Ridge Middle School (HRMS):
 - Career Day will begin around 7:15 (this is a change in plans from earlier this fall) and will end with refreshments between 9:30 and 10.
 - Presenters will speak three times, each session lasting 25 minutes, including time for questions.
 - Jenny Mizelle will contact: Chet Van Fossen, Architect, Len Bradley, Professional Athlete, Mr. Clapp, Firefighter, and, Chris Chappell, Actor, about speaking at the event.
 - Steven Hitchner will contact Cindy Foster with Computer Game Design at Wake Tech about coming.
 - Jinger Gibson will see if Katherine Whitley, a Novartis Engineer, will attend.
 - Linda Crandall will contact Meredith College about a Fashion and Design speaker.
 - Sarah Carter will speak with Dr. McCrory about representing Veterinarians.
 - Please call Mr. Carroll at 577-1348 with the results of your contact efforts.

VIII. Meetings

- The next regular meeting of the Business Alliance will be held at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, January 8, at HRMS.
- HSHS Mentor/HRMS Mentee meeting, January, 15, 2009, 10:15 a.m. at HSHS.
- Community Mentor/HSHS Mentee meeting, January 29, 2009, 10:15 at HSHS
- HRMS Career Day, January 30, 2009.
- Regular meeting of the Business Alliance, February 5, 2009, at Holly Springs High School.

IX. Meeting adjourned: 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyd Brown