



**Holly Springs Business Alliance
Meeting Minutes
Holly Springs High School
February 5, 2009**



- I. Meeting called to order:** Linda Crandall, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.
- II. Members present:** Tim Congleton, Gemma Heiges, Linda Crandall, Rick Carroll, Cyd Brown, Shannon Baker, Bill Rousseau, Nikia Davis
- III. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the January 8, 2009 meeting were approved with changes.
Motion: Rick Carroll
Second: Bill Rousseau
- IV. Steering Committee**
 - No report.
- V. Mentor Committee**
 - There was a nice article in the Holly Springs Sun newspaper about the Mentor program.
 - In January there was only one mentor/mentee session and that was between the middle school mentees and the high school mentors. Many thanks to Bruce Friend for sponsoring the lunches.
 - The HRMS mentees and the HSHS mentors will meet again February 19th. The high school mentees will meet with the community mentors on February 26th.
 - Tim Congleton said that AXA would consider providing a half sponsorship for the month of February
 - Progress Energy has committed to sponsoring a second month this year (besides December 2008)
- VI. Student and Career Development Committee**
 - The Extra Step Award Subcommittee:
 - The Extra Step Award subcommittee will meet tomorrow, February 6, at Holly Ridge Middle School.
 - We need to find sponsors to cover the expense of the trophies and anything else that might be presented to the teachers and students recognized. Gemma Hedges said she would check with Tracy again (at Promote This) on award options and pricing.
 - Video Committee:
 - Unfortunately videotaping will not occur this school year. The Committee will continue to gather the background information needed so that taping can begin early next year.
 - High School Career Expo:
 - The members present discussed improvements to make for next year. Ms. Baker has a computer file with these suggestions.
 - Career Day at Holly Ridge Middle School (HRMS):

- Mr. Pittman, who could not attend today's meeting, wrote, "Career Day was a success at the middle school. Many thanks to Mr. Carroll for his leadership and to the HSBA for the support on the day of the event."
- The event was well organized.
- Three last minute cancellations required a large shuffle of students.
- A form will be handed out to host teachers February 6, seeking their evaluation of speakers and their presentations.
- Teachers would like to be notified of details of the Career Day earlier next year.
- Next year a student interest survey may be done before the Career Day to assess what careers the students would like to hear about.
- Mr. Carroll said that a final report on Career Day is forthcoming.
- **Website Development**
 - Mr. Pittman passed on the following information in an e-mail: "Website Updates are moving forward. I am collecting photos and information from events so far this school year such as the mentoring program, the Career Expo, and the Career Day to include. Also, with feedback from Bruce Friend, I am starting to develop a section that provides community partners with (1) additional ways to be involved and support the schools of Holly Springs, and (2) feedback on how their contributions in time, money, or other resources are being turned into meaningful experiences for our kids. There should be a new site up via the middle school's page by Monday. It will only be a beginning, but will be far more up-to-date than the current posting. I will send the link out once it is up. Suggestions for the website are appreciated."

VII. Year-End Celebration

- It was decided to keep the name "Year-End Celebration".
- Mr. Pittman and Ms. Davis will determine possible dates and times for the event.
- Bland Landscaping has generously agreed to provide the meal. We still need to find paper goods, drinks, ice, dessert, etc.

VIII. Discussion

- Mr. Johnson is still recuperating at home. There is no definite return date set.
- The possibility of getting high school students (Yearbook classes?) to help put together an electronic history of the HSBA and highlights of the two schools' events was discussed. Do we need a network server? How could we get one? A suggestion was made to incorporate this as another component of Mr. Pittman's plan for the Web site, an online 'scrapbook.'

IX. Meetings

- The next regular meeting of the Business Alliance will be held at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, March 5, at Holly Ridge Middle School.
- Regular meeting of the Business Alliance, April 2, 2009, at Holly Springs High School.

X. Meeting adjourned: 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyd Brown