



**Holly Springs Business Alliance
Meeting Minutes
Holly Ridge Middle School
January 8, 2009**



- I. Meeting called to order:** Jenny Mizelle, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.
- II. Members present:** Tim Congleton, Jenny Mizelle, Brian Pittman, Gemma Heiges, Chris Randall, Bruce Friend, Lynn Kerin, Linda Crandall, Rick Carroll, Kim Crawford, Cyd Brown, Ramey Beavers, Shannon Baker
- III. Approval of Minutes**
Minutes from the December 4, 2008 meeting were approved.
Motion: Linda Crandall
Second: Tim Congleton
- IV. Announcements**
- Mr. Johnson, Principal of Holly Springs High School, is still home, but improving. A date for his return still has not been identified.
 - Leigh Goble, with Holly Ridge Elementary School, is looking for adults/students to read to classes on a one-time basis as part of their "Mystery Reader" program. The time commitment is only about 15 minutes. If you are interested in reading, please contact Ms. Goble at lgoble@wcpss.net.
- V. Steering Committee**
- No report.
- VI. Mentor Committee**
- The dates for the HRMS mentees and HSHS mentors to meet for the second semester have been set.
 - Scoop Green, Director of the Holly Springs Chamber of Commerce will speak at the next high school mentee/community mentor meeting. He will speak about businesses coming to Holly Springs, student internships and employment opportunities.
 - Progress Energy donated lunches in December.
- VII. Student and Career Development Committee**
- The Extra Step Award Subcommittee:
 - The Extra Step Award nomination form has been finalized.
 - One teacher (Marilyn Jesrani) and one student (Darren Starling) have already been selected for Holly Ridge Middle School for the first semester.
 - It was determined that all Award winners would be recognized at one time at the Year End Celebration. There will be a total of four teachers (two from each school) and four students (also two from each school) who receive awards.
 - The next meeting of the Extra Step Award subcommittee will be held February 6, 2009.
 - Video Committee:
 - Tim Congleton will contact Nate Ligons to get work started with the Video Committee.

- The first video will target students looking for employment and not continuing in higher education.
- High School Career Expo:
 - The Expo went well.
 - Some students did not attend the breakout sessions because they did not want to miss their AP class instruction.
 - The door prize box was hard for students to find, but essentially all students who entered the drawing received a prize.
 - A group of Alliance members that worked the Career Expo will meet in a few weeks to discuss possible changes for next year.
- The R-U-Ready Life Skills Assembly for HSHS Seniors is still on hold.
- Career Day at Holly Ridge Middle School (HRMS):
 - Career Day speakers will arrive between 7:15 and 8:00 a.m.
 - Jenny Mizelle, Tim Congleton and Linda Crandall will attend as Greeters.
 - A request for the PTA to provide refreshments will be submitted.
 - Sessions will be held at 8:00, 8:30 and 9:00 and last 25 minutes.
 - Interest surveys from the students have been completed so students can now be assigned to class sessions.
 - Mr. Pittman will contact the Holly Springs Sun, requesting they cover the event.

VIII. Discussion

- Our website needs to be updated. Mr. Pittman and Mr. Friend will work on the webpage.
- The Year-End Celebration will be discussed at the next meeting.

IX. Meetings

- The next regular meeting of the Business Alliance will be held at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, February 5, at Holly Springs High School.
- HRMS Career Day, January 30, 2009.
- Regular meeting of the Business Alliance, March 5, 2009, at Holly Ridge Middle School.
- Regular meeting of the Business Alliance, April 2, 2009, at Holly Springs High School.

X. Meeting adjourned: 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyd Brown