



DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2015

TO: BEMIDJI LUMBERJACK ACADEMY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: DR. JIM HESS, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SUBJECT: MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2015

Members Present: Pete Aube, Ann Bardwell, Brent Colligan, Lynn Falk, Robert Griggs, Patrick, Guilfoile, Jeff Haack, Dave Hengel, Kelley Hengel, Jim Hess, Kari Knudson, Lyle Meulebroeck, Dan Olson, Angie Pagnac, Kathy Palm, Lori Paris, John Pugleasa, Ranae Seykora, Jen Voge, Tami Wesely, Jim Wheeler

Dr. Jim Hess, Brent Colligan, and Ranae Seykora presented an overview of what the Bemidji Lumberjack Academy is and why it is important to our students, school, businesses, and community.

Members brainstormed possible topics for academies with many subjects listed. Topics included accounting, CNA, CNC, education, engineering, environmental forestry, health care, hospitality, IT, manufacturing, mechatronics, medical, natural resources, skilled trades, etc. (see attached list).

We highlighted four major objectives in getting started:

1. Establish criteria for academies (build in quality).
2. Establish strong partnerships with business and industry.
3. Create articulation agreements with postsecondary institutions for each academy.
4. Identify and secure sources of funding for program expenses.

We determined Tuesdays were the best for meetings and participants preferred meeting from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the Bemidji Area Schools Downtown Education Center Board Room. (Agenda to follow.)

Hope to see you then!