

# **West Springfield Pyramid Business / School Partnership Minutes For January 13, 2005**

## **Those in Attendance:**

### **Schools**

Joan Galdi, West Springfield HS  
Bill Annetti Hunt Valley ES  
Suzanne Hunt, Hunt Valley ES  
Mary Barker, Hunt Valley ES  
Jennifer Chestnut, Cardinal Forest  
Iris Warren, West Springfield ES  
Julie Brannon, Orange Hunt ES  
Gertie Kessler, Orange Hunt ES  
Lynn Diamond, Irving Middle

### **Businesses**

Todd Lalich – Flooring Contractor  
Sandy MacRae – MacRae Associates, P.C.  
Elke Martin – Greenspring Village  
Bob Havey – D2D Computer Services  
Ginger Avvenire – Pre-Paid Legal Services  
Candi Bauer – Candi’s Solutions  
Todd Lalich – One Way to Play Drug Free  
Harold Sheridan - Retired  
John Pellyim – Law Offices of John Pellyim, PC  
John Frazier – AFLAC  
Nancy Jo Manney – Greater Springfield Chamber  
of Commerce  
Liz Braswell – Potomac Cannons

## **Old Business:**

The following Partnership Goals were accepted for the academic year 2004 – 2005.

### **School-Business Partnership Mission:**

- Promote beneficial relationships
- Share ideas and resources
- Support student achievement
- Encourage students’ community involvement

### **Goals for School Year 2004-2005:**

1. Continue to establish a solid list of speakers (subject/topic, target grade levels, contact information) for our speakers list to be used by both schools and businesses.
2. Continue to recruit, train, and match adults to mentor in our schools.
3. Continue work on web site and have it running this year.
4. Help to support the West Springfield Coalition with continued development of an After School Program at the Middle School.

## Subcommittees Assignments

Agenda – Joan Galdi  
Business List Updated – Nancy Jo Manney?  
Brochure – Nancy Jo Manney?  
Web Page Development – Bob Havey  
Minutes – Mary Berry and Ann Long  
Mentorworks – Mary Berry and Lynn Smith  
Speakers List (Revise list and Distribute) – Lisa Goodman?  
School Liaison List – Sheila Avery ?  
School / Business Partners Monthly Contact List – Jennifer Chestnut  
Coalition Representative/After School Programs – Iris Warren  
Irving Contact – Lynn Smith  
Meeting Reminder (First Thursday of the month) – Lynn Smith ?  
Student Volunteers – Ann Long

## Future Meeting Dates:

December 9 <sup>th</sup> 2004	Springfield Country Club, RSVP to Todd Lalich
January 13, 2005	Hunt Valley ES
February 10, 2005	Greenspring Retirement Village
March 10, 2005	West Springfield ES
April 1, 2005	
May 8, 2005	Orange Hunt ES
June 5, 2005	

**In a Pinch for Refreshments?** Lisa Carey (not present) informed us of a possible resource for refreshments for events, etc.: contact Gail King (Treats by Gail) at 703-425-7116. [treatsbygail@cox.net](mailto:treatsbygail@cox.net)

## New Business

**Guest Speaker** Liz Braswell from the **Potomac Cannons** shared information about some of their programs to include: fund raising opportunities, reading incentive program and outstanding student program. Flyers were distributed to those present. For more information call Liz at (703) 590 –2311 x224.

**Finance Report** - The current balance was reported to be around \$300.00.

**Mentoring** – It was suggested that not only will we continue to recruit and train adults to mentor but we need to focus on the match and be more involved to make sure the match is going well between school and mentor.

**Speakers List** – Lynn Smith will work on a cover letter for the speakers list to be distributed to our partners. Calls will be made to update and revise the list adding key points the speaker can address. We also discussed presenting and promoting the list to our faculties in the schools making our main focus this year **using** it.

**Wiz Kid found.** Bob gave us an update on the **Web Page**. He has a new student helper who will be helping to develop our Partnership Web Page. He also encouraged everyone of the importance of backing up all files on a CD.

**After-School On the Move!** Iris Warren informed us of a new initiative in the County for after-school programs for middle school students. The desire is to provide after school opportunities for our middle schoolers. Some of these opportunities could include: sports, art, and academic support. The program will be housed at Irving Middle School. Currently, the West Springfield coalition is working on developing this program. She would like the Business Partnership to embrace this idea as well. Possible start date is April for the 5-day program.

## Upcoming Events and Announcements

**40 Developmental Assets** – Continue to get the word out. More information will be coming.

### BUSINESSES:

- **All Tune and Lube**
- **AFLAC Insurance** John would like to be on the speakers list.
- **Candi's Solutions Marketing** Candi shared items from her product line and offered a discount for those in our partnership. For more information, contact Candi at (703) 913 – 4828.
- **Carey Coaching**  
**Chamber of Commerce: Springfield Days** will be held June 2<sup>nd</sup> - June 5<sup>th</sup> . Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> is parade day. Looking for Floats, musical groups, clowns, scouts, etc. Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> is non-profit day at Lake Accotinct. For more information contact Nancy Jo Manney at [manney@springfieldchamber.org](mailto:manney@springfieldchamber.org) Trade show will be coming up in May. More info to follow.
- **D2D Computer Services** Bob reminded all to backup their files on CD, Disk, or external hard drive.
- **Greenspring Village** **Needed:** Volunteers 14 or older to help with big Gala Event to occur on April 9, 2005.
- **Housing and Community Services of Northern Virginia**
- **Kristi's Christmas**
- **Lisa Goodman, Mary Kay Distributor / Sales Director**
- **MacRae Associates, P.C., CPA's** - for tax questions contact Sandy.
- **McDonalds**

- **Mountain Kim Tae Kwon Do.**
- **Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc.** Ginger is willing to help with after school program and would also like to be included on the speaker's list.
- **Score! Educational Center**
- **South Run - Fairfax County Park Authority** Passes are available. Contact Lynn Smith for more information.
- **Todd Lalich and Associates**
- **USA Today**
- **Weyh Roberts and Associates**
- **Harold Sheridan** Reading Tutor and Doctor in Education. He is interested in being included on the speaker's list.

#### **SCHOOLS:**

- **Cardinal Forest ES** Needs: Tickets for rewards
- **Hunt Valley ES** Bill Annetti shared with us how the Potomac Cannons are helping with Reading at Hunt Valley Needs: Donations for Basket Bingo to be held in March 2005.
- **Irving MS**
- **Keene Mill ES**
- **Orange Hunt ES**
- **Rolling Valley ES**
- **West Springfield ES** Parenting Program, Making Good Choices, to be held at West Springfield ES on Tuesdays February 8, 15, and 22. Contact Iris Warren if you are interested in attending. Iris.Warren@fcps.edu
- **West Springfield HS** Joan can help with student rewards by providing some sport tickets to High School events.

#### **Community of Caring -**

Month of: **January** Theme: **Justice and Kindness**  
**February** **Cooperation**

#### **Next meeting:**

This year the Partnership will meet on the second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be held at **Greenspring Village, February 10<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00am.