

Germantown Education Commission  
Regular Meeting – October 15, 2015, 5:30 p.m.  
Minutes

Attendees:

Dino Palazzolo, Julie Ganey, Sue Sharp, Stephanie Van Arsdale, Laurie Whitney, Steven Chandler, Audrey Grossman, Mindy Fischer, Linda Fisher, Dick Vosburg, Mary Anne Gibson, Stephanie Brockway, Brett Perry, Stacey Ewell

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Mindy Fischer. A quorum was established.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes from the last meeting, held in September 2015, were reviewed by the commission members. Stephanie Van Arsdale presented the motion to approve the minutes. Steven Chandler made the second motion. The commission members voted and the minutes were approved as written.

Old Business:

**Battle of the Brains:** IBERIA has committed to a sponsorship donation of \$4500 to \$5000 to Battle of the Brains. They intend to help with the promotion of the event to try to get community members to attend. Posters, handouts and programs will be prepared by IBERIA. They also would like to provide every student with a take away. Stephanie Van Arsdale sent around a sign-up sheet for the event. Linda Fischer has a contact with the homeschool community and will provide information to them. Letters were mailed to prospective schools on October 12. No responses have been received to date.

**Fundraising:** Steve Chandler has a commitment from First Capital Bank for a donation. They have requested an invoice or something to indicate how the money will be used. Dick Vosburg will speak to Dan Roberts of Mathnasium about sponsoring the youth excellence scholarship in exchange for being named the Youth Excellence Award sponsor each month.

New Business:

**American Education Week cookies:** Laurie recruited bakers as the cookies will be homemade this year. Members will meet to pack cookies on November 16. Cookies will be available for pick up during the November 17 meeting and should be delivered by November 19.

**Awards:** November Teacher of the Month is Renee Buchholz of Riverdale. Youth Excellence Award winner is Anne Wellford of Germantown High School. Brett Perry asked if the commission would be interested in adding an award for school support staff. The commission tabled the discussion for the November meeting.

Principle Toyota will provide a vehicle free of charge for the Education Commission Teacher of the Year beginning with Morales this year. The commission wants to make a production of the award. Stephanie Brockway will create talking points and send to commission members.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.