



FAYETTE BUSINESS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Minutes for March 13, 2018 @ Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus

In attendance: Marsha Androsik, Tom Beresnyak, Maria Campieri, Shawn Clemmer, Jacquelyn Core, Barb Crofcheck, Jennifer Deichert, Judy DeWitt, Kathy Dowling, Eric Gaydos, Kristen Haines, Diana Hardy, Trudie Harvey, Carol Hull, Kathi Hull, Jason Hutchinson, Lori Jacobs, Robert Jubin, Dana Kendrick, Angela Kenes, Cortney Kezmarsky, Marlene Kolosky, Maria Lovat, Melissa Loy, Rebecca Maddas, Muriel Nuttall, Holly Opatick, Leann Orris, Rene Ozias, Lou Ann Patterson, Mike Quinn, Sue Quinn, Jesse Sprajcar, Erica Usher, Janet Ward, Roxanne Weekley, Devan White, Torrie Winseck, Lee Winterhalter, Kelli Winwood

Muriel Nuttall introduced the new Fayette Business Education Partnership Coordinator Kathi Hull, who followed that with a roundtable introduction from all present.

DISTRICT UPDATES

Albert Gallatin – Jason Hutchinson stated that they are two months into working with a new superintendent, and are currently dealing with threats. One-to-one program is going smoothly, and will move into the high school next year, then into middle schools. AG is gearing up for Keystone exams. This year's musical Grease will run from Friday, March 23rd through Sunday, March 25th. The district is working with the YMCA to provide teachers with a wellness day [LBI offered to provide students to give massages on this day.].

Brownsville – Shawn Clemmer shared that they've been dealing with threats and are currently looking for a new security officer. This year's musical Footloose was held this past weekend.

Connellsville – Torie Winseck stated that Kindergarten registration begins next week, and they are also getting ready for Keystone testing. This year's musical Phantom of the Opera was held two weeks ago.

Laurel Highlands – Eric Gaydos reported that they held their 2nd annual Dr. Seuss event with 300 participants, whereby the high school students were mentors. Green eggs and ham was served, Dr. Seuss stories were read, and students all received a Dr. Seuss bag filled with Dr. Seuss books. Kindergarten registration will begin on April 30th. This year's musical Mary Poppins was held last weekend.

Uniontown – Cortney Kezmarsky reported that Kindergarten registration is scheduled to begin on May 7th. June 7th is the last day of school. The district attorney is scheduled to address the high school this Friday, March 16th on school safety. This year's musical will be Fiddler on the Roof, and is scheduled for April 5th, 6th, & 7th.

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL UPDATES

Fayette CTI – Are currently holding cooking classes. Open House is scheduled for tonight, March 13th and will include baskets in each room along with demonstrations. They will tentatively hold a Car Show on May 4th. LPN classes are scheduled to begin in March, and they are currently getting ready to graduate 30 nurses.

WCCC – will hold a PHEAA workshop tonight, March 13th. Their Open House is scheduled for April 7th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., where prospective students can take placement tests, register for classes, and obtain help with FAFSA forms.

Penn State Fayette – Summer programming will once again feature the STEM workshop sponsored by Chevron (in June). They are currently seeking instructors for summer camps.

LBI – currently is offering a scholarship to high school seniors worth up to \$10,000 (1/2 tuition). The only requirement is that you attend LBI. Thus far only six students have applied. Fall classes are scheduled to begin on September 27th.

California University of Pennsylvania – Rebecca Maddis reported that it was reported in the Herald Standard this morning that California University of Pennsylvania will be undergoing a rebranding culminating with a big reveal by the end of the month. The College of Education will hold a conference on March 26th for educational managers and high school students exploring the University. Transportation is being offered to the students free of charge, and will also get a full tour and lunch, plus the opportunity to listen in on the afternoon panel sessions on alternative careers in education.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Business Pitch Competition – The event is scheduled for this Thursday, March 15th at Penn State Fayette. Penn State faculty will speak to the students, with the event also including an activity entitled “Think Like an Entrepreneur”. The five schools participating include AG, Brownsville, Frazier, LH, and Uniontown.

STEAM Day – FBEP is collaborating with the Extension Office on this project, which will tentatively be held in either May or October, preferably on a Saturday morning. The pilot event will initially be geared towards Boy and Girl Scouts and 4H Clubs, with the goal of having them create something that day.

WIB UPDATES

Janet explained that funds received through the Department of Labor to fund FBEP and other projects expire June 30th. Grants will again be available this June – they are applying soon, however while in the past there were no requirements, the new grants have requirements attached which will limit the youth that can participate. Proposals are due April 11th; Janet will be meeting with Kath and Muriel for FBEP input.

A consultant has been hired to put together a professional development program hopefully before May – a proposal is expected any day.

TANA funding is still available for families who fall into the 235% of poverty categories, for those ages 16-24.

PARTNER PROJECTS

NEW WELLNESS COMMITTEE - Mike Quinn explained that the business community wellness committee was born through the Fayette Chamber, and they are currently seeking committee members. Several organizations are currently getting together to model what’s happening elsewhere concerning overall wellness: physical, educational, mental, and socioeconomic.

CTC PAYS Data – Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) is conducted throughout Pennsylvania every two years, in grades, 6, 8, 10, & 12 – in Fayette County, every school district participated. The data will be gathered and available to all in May. Each school district will receive a copy of their particular district data in addition to the state data. Jeff Colchin, who oversees PAYS, will be coming to Fayette to speak on how to make the data work for the schools, sometime around May 11th.

MEMBER PARTICIPATION – YOUTH ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

A copy of the answers received at the last FBEP was given to all present. In response to the four questions asked, the following was implemented:

- Where do we find the people? Kathi posted Kindergarten registration details were posted on FBEP's Facebook page, and many parents, started liking the page.
- What partners to include? Of the many mentioned, Kathi invited the following groups to participate: CYS (hope to come to next meeting), Goodwill (in attendance), Drug & Alcohol Commission (in attendance), Geibel, Conn Area, St. John's (will try), and Chestnut Ridge.
- What can be done? One of the main suggestions was a newsletter – since that last meeting Kathi completed the group's first newsletter (and all present received a copy), which was also posted online. Anyone may submit information to be placed in newsletter. In addition, the group is working on a "table" of information that can float from event to event in any district.

MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

- CareerLink Spring into a New Career event is scheduled for March 16th from 9:00 – 2:00 with 28 participating employers.
- Connects meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14th at CareerLink.
- The Challenge Program is seeking sponsors for the Frazier School District. They are holding a Thank You event on Tuesday and invited all educators to attend – the event will be held at The Lemont in Pittsburgh.
- YMCA is hiring certified personal trainers and licensed massage therapists. Easter Celebration with a 2000 Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 24th. Additional programs include blood pressure self-monitoring, Live Strong cancer survivor program, workforce training program, and more. Annual golf outing scheduled for May 8th.
- FCDAC – has a 45-minute talk show about prevention on 1st/3rd Friday at 10:15 a.m. on WMBS.
- Senator Pat Stefano's office – Sue Quinn reported that Connellsville is a finalist in the Video competition. The CLO "Ariba Ariba: the Roberto Clemente Story" will be coming to Uniontown – all area 6th graders will get to see the performance. They are opening up to schools sports teams as well.
- Goodwill – offers mental health program providing work and paid training for those with mental health issues. Also offer job coaching, and transition services.
- Penn State Extension – has partner programs with YMCA and East End. Will hold their annual auction in July.
- Robert Jubin Jr. Agency – Farmers Insurance has \$2500-\$100,000 available through its Thank America's Teachers program.
- Rapid Response team stated that Nemaocolin Woodlands laid off 50 people, and they will be meeting with them tomorrow.