



Minutes for January 8, 2019 @ Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus

In attendance: Shawn Clemmer, Kristi Kassimer, Marsha Androsik, Trudie Harvey, Tam Ostrom, Alexa Green, Debbie Cohen, John Malone, Mike Quinn, Eric Morris, Barb Crofcheck, Cortney Kezmarsky, Dawn Rice, Jesse Sprajcar, Maria Lovat, Sue Quinn, Jenny Lent, Torrie Sparks, William Thompson, Lori Jacobs, Jacquelyn Core, Erica Usher, Kathy Dowling, Shawna Little, Mark Shepler, Rebecca Maddas, Lea Pizzutelli, Renee Couser, Jamie Bielecki-Quinn, Steven Wilt, Marlene Kolosky, Janet Ward, Jennifer Deichert, Charles Michael, Justin Williams, Bill Henderson, Don Martin, Quentin Taraszewski, Scott Dietz, Wendy Gaither, Hannah Kusenko, Jennifer Knepper, Tracy Jackson, Constance Lewski, Jason Hutchinson, Christy Kuehn, Marianna Gonzales, Kurt Mahan, Muriel Nuttall, Kathi Hull

A roundtable introduction from all present was given facilitated by Muriel Nuttall

Workforce Stats were provided and a presentation of the new Fayette Business Education Partnership website was given by Kathi Hull. REACH marketing assisted in the development of the website. Information available on the website includes Labor Market Stats, Meeting information, Workforce Champions and Sponsors, Meeting minutes will be available shortly, links to school districts, general information on the partnership and the ability to join, Current program, resources (programming and high priority occupations), and a photo gallery. The website is located at www.fayettebep.org.

The new Fayette County WORKS Facebook page was launched and will be a JOBS board listing with Employers from CareerLink job orders and Chamber members.

A sheet of information showing the activities the Fayette Business Education Partnership completed in 2018 was provided. A brief review of activities from the last quarter was provided.

- **Williams Fay-West-Greene Fluid Power Challenge:** 28 teams from 15 school district consisting of four counties (Fayette Westmoreland, Armstrong and Greene attended the event. Students had assistance from engineers from Williams and Johnson Matthey This year a professional development for teachers with the Fab Lab from IU and discussion of 339 Plan was developed. The teachers received Act 48 credits.
- **Teacher in the Workplace Round 1** in partnership with Catalyst Connection, IU1, Westmoreland-Fayette WIB. Document was provided to all in attendance which included the activities done with the program and the employers involved. Kathi and Janet attended conference in Hershey where they presented this program. The new FBEP Website lists all the teachers' lesson plans. The last day of round 1 is February 12th and will be held at Williams in Connellsville. The day will include teacher report outs of their lesson plans, a professional panel and a general discussion of the program in general Scott from Catalyst Connection added that there were a lot of "aha" moments and they are excited for possibility of Round 2.

PROGRAM OF ACTION

- **Business Pitch Competition:** School districts groups are coming from different areas like FBLA club or entrepreneur class. To help the districts be all on the same page we have broken down business pitch into two days. Day 1 which will be held on Jan 25, will have workshops with faculty from Penn State Fayette's business department. In the afternoon, the districts will be paired with business professionals who will work with the students until Pitch Day on March 20th. A leadership component is being built into Day 2.
- **10 Grade Connect Job Expo** is partnership with Herald Standard, Uniontown Mall, the PA CareerLink® Fayette and the Westmoreland Fayette WIB for full day Job Expo in old Sears location. The morning session will be closed to the public and strictly for the 10 grade students. At noon the space will be open to the general public. Space for the expo will be \$100. Sponsorships available to be included in the tab in the newspaper. For more information contact Justin Williams at the Herald Standard—jwilliams@heraldstandard.com
- **Business Education Seminar:** We have a consultant onboard former Superintendent Phil Savini who is assisting us with this one-day seminar to lay a foundation to better understand career pathway info for both Business and Education. We are looking to bring Gary Shoninger who wrote the book "Who Owns the Ice House" as our guest speaker. Muriel has reached out to him to give a presentation.

WIB UPDATE:

Business Education Partnership Grant:

- Current funds are to support activities of the partnership through June of 2019. The last BEP grant reached over 700 youth and hoping to exceed this year.
- Bill announced that the Secretary of Labor and Industry hold a public announcement at 9:30 this Thursday in our area. The announcement will be the statewide distribution of BEP funding for 2019-2020
- The 2nd round of funding for Teacher in the Workplace was submitted in December. We are hoping to hear if we received the grant sometime in February. Kurt Manhantalked about Round 1 as a participant He had no idea of some of the companies and jobs that exist here. Shared info with students about these opportunities and is seeing more excitement from students.
- Approved a round of TANF & WIOA funding for the Experience Works! Program. This is a year round program for 16 -24. Over 200 youth participated in the program last year.

SCHOOL DISTRICT CAREER EDUCATION UPDATE:

- **Connellsville School District:** Torrie Sparks, Jamie Beleciki -Quinn and Shawna Little spoke about the various career education the district is doing. In Elementary they have implemented curriculum with two lessons per month beginning in Kindergarteners. A Career Day is held at West Crawford. This year the goal is to have alumni back to speak with kids and get them excited about their future. In Middle school the Caring Closet has been establish and they are using having 8th graders tour the CTC. At the CTC, Shawna Little arranges to speak with both elementary and middles school students. Her career education presentation start in fifth grade and also does summer camps and tours of CTC.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

- **Nemacolin Woodlands** Community Engagement and Recruitment Dawn Rice and Sales Coordinator Marianna Gonzales spoke about the different jobs available at Nemacolin in the areas of Housekeepers, culinary, laundry, servers

PAYS REVIEW

- CTC Board members Jacquelyn Core and Erica Usher spoke about the 2017 PAYS Data and what CTC is doing with the data. All school districts participated in 2017 survey. Data is used to help select evidence based program like CTC. Important for all schools to continue to participate and helped secure a 5 year—Multimillion Dollar Grant for Connellsville School District. PAYS info workshop a follow up from the one held last summer is being planned and will be held in May.

ROUNDTABLE

- **United Way of Southwestern PA:** Currently utilizing their community impact grants and Kindergarten transition will be starting.
- **Catalyst Connection:** New Manufacturing video game available for download on Android and iPhone devices. On April 11th awards ceremony for Washington Fayette Video contest will be held at Penn State Fayette. Vendor booths available for anyone interested. Five schools district are participating: Albert Gallatin, Brownsville, Connellsville, Uniontown and Laurel Highlands.
- **Junior Achievement:** JA is looking for volunteers to go into school districts and do presentations on their curriculum such as career readiness, work readiness and financial literacy.
- **Community Foundation** has over 40 scholarships available for Graduating Seniors to apply to. The deadline March 22nd. They also have a Nonprofit leadership series starting this month. Space still available.
- **Penn State Fayette:** In the Continuing Education, they offer non-credit classes in the following CPR, EMT, paramedics, home visitors, active shooter, supply chain management. These are just some of the classes they offer.
- **Private Industry Council:** This years Experience Works! program can serve up to 120 students 16-24 for up to 300 hours of work experience. Any schools that would like them to speak to students let them know. There is also a Six weeks of skills classes component with the program.

Penn State Extension: Currently recurring for various clubs and STEM related activities in school and after school. They will be involved with a Robotics competitions and Engineering design challenge. Received a Chevron grant for Farm Bot which will build a robot that will plant a garden the Farm Bot will be located at the Fayette County Fair and hopefully will be available to see during the fair. Strengthening Families program is seven week program that will be held at the YMCA beginning January 24th. They are looking to for volunteers to facilitate the program. Training is available for those interested. The training is free and then paid once you've completed training.

YMCA: Currently recruiting for the Top 5 programs for 18-24 year old Out of School Youth which will receive various certificates and work experience within the program. They have also partnered with WVU for pain management program which is 6 weeks beginning in January. Received a grant for 100 kids to learn to swim for free. Launching only diabetes program in Fayette County. This is a Year-long program. Will begin a Weight management program in March (parent/child program) which is also grant funded. Tobacco cessation program starting this month in partnership with FCDAC

FCDAC: Fayette County Drug and Alcohol will offer free cessation programs too businesses. It is an Eight-week program.

WIB: The Westmoreland Fayette WIB will be releasing an RFP in early March for out of school youth services. Referred to the stat of 20% are disconnected youth in Fayette County. They are hard to find and get serviced.

Goodwill of SWPA: looking for businesses to hire their people who they work with that have some kind of barrier not just a disability. Also have programs for student transitioning which can be a Community Based Instruction at businesses.

WCCC—Fayette County Campus: Currently enrolling for Spring

Nemacolin: Hiring FT and PT. positions. Will work with FACT and other means for transportation issues. They also have meeting space available.

Herald Standard: If you have possible story ideas or press releases send them to Justin. He will submit them but there is no guarantee they will run.

Intermediate Unit 1: The IU's mobile FabLab is being used around their service area for various projects. They have recently put together a stationary lab for those with physical disabilities. They received a grant to bring simulated workplace into SW PA – pilot in one of our districts here. Also submitted a proposal for PA Smart Grant for STEM and computer science.

Frazier School District: Frazier is sending students to a project lead the way summit in Indianapolis

REACH Marketing and Design: Was responsible for creating the FBEP website and the new County Logo.

Fayette County PR Initiative: Fayette County Facebook page www.facebook.com/fayettecopa is promoting great things in Fayette County. Kristi works with a journalist to communicate info. Any information you want shared contact Kristi at kkassimer@fayettecountypa.info.

Brownsville School District: Brownsville has a new media/career center now at HS. He is working with the other teachers from the Teacher in the Workplace program to Implemented lesson plans.

Pathways/Agency with Choice— Pathways of Southwestern PA has rebranded and is now Agency with a Choice.

Fayette County Community Action: Marlene currently has a satellite office at East End United Community Center. East End will be holding their annual Martin Luther King breakfast both Jan. 21st. The price is \$10. They will also be having activities during Black history month in February includes poster and coloring contests.

Albert Gallatian: Currently has a digital media class at the High School. The district is working on a new initiative called Colonial Kindness.

Uniontown: High School is currently Keystone Testing. The Fayette CTI is there doing presentations.

CAL U: Cal U is currently offering 4-8 education certification available in social studies or language arts. A full scholarship available for fall of 2019. Accepting applications for pre-k to 4 major. Preschool on campus (scholarships available for that too). STEM Master's program and STEM endorsement program and gifted program. Info on Calu website.

Local 66: The Operating Engineers apprenticeship application deadline was December 3-13. They received 1,065 applications from across many counties. There are still open applications available through other unions.

Connellsville CTC: Has been working with Local 66 through their heavy equipment program which is the only one in the area. Received a grant from Community Foundation for school store run by students .

LBI: Actively recruiting HS students. Aesthetician program runs 15 weeks. Scholarships available (full scholarship). Provide for HS tours with Lunch and Transportation funding covered by LBI

Fayette CTI is currently revamping their healthcare programs. And have a new LPN class that starts March 25th.

Next Meeting will be on March 12, 2019 at 9am at Penn State Fayette Corporate Training Center Eberly 116.