



Region 9 Works Council

MEETING NOTES - REVISED

May 26, 2016, 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Batesville Tool & Die

Batesville, Indiana

1. Meeting was called to order by Chris Lowery.
2. Introduction of Council Members: Chris Lowery (Ivy Tech), Harold Wilson (Cummins), Jane Hussey representing Charlene Hall (Columbus Regional Health), Barry Parkhurst (NTN Driveshaft), Rebecca Reeves (DOE), Jan Holm (Batesville Tool & Die), Stephanie Weber (CEC/EcO), Sue Smith (Ivy Tech) via phone, Jesse Brand (Brand Slumber) via phone, Kathy Huffman (CEC/EcO) via phone, Melissa Miller (Honda) via phone
3. Introduction of Guests: Natalie Wenzler (DWD), Elvin Knollman (Transmark Logistics), Cari Vuko (SEWIB), Elizabeth Carey (EcO), Amber McGuire (Kids Discovery Factory), Emili Uden (Kids Discovery Factory), George Giltner (TechPoint Foundation for Youth)
4. Minutes from the April meeting were approved.
5. Kids Discovery Factory project in Batesville - Amber McGuire and Emili Uden explains:
 - a. This is a "learning center" museum based on the manufacturing factory for ages toddlers through 14 years with 7 hands-on learning experience galleries based on different themes or focus.
 - b. Somewhat similar to the Wonder Lab in Bloomington, it is involved with the Smithsonian Spark initiative.
 - c. Goals are:
 - i. Workforce development - inspire interest in STEM/CTE & develop skills
 - ii. Visitor experience - interactive exhibits, galleries, and 2 story climber
 - iii. Educational resource - in-class support, field trips, family programming
 - iv. Economic impact - 50,000 visitors, \$1.6 million direct and indirect impact, downtown revitalization
 - d. It will be located in downtown Batesville at the Rom-Weber building
 - e. Amber and Emili are open to any form of support, www.kidsdiscoveryfactory.org.
6. Techpoint Foundation for Youth statewide robotics initiative - George Giltner explains:
 - a. This program is executed in partnership with the DWD through a grant as a starter program with the hope to sustain through business partnerships.
 - b. The goal is to promote STEM careers in elementary schools using robotic activities, such as competitions, as a way to capture the kids interest

- c. The plan is to get the Vex Robotic kit (\$300) into elementary class rooms where the teachers are taught to use the kits and how to coach (online application)
 - d. Looking for additional ways to promote the program
 - i. PLTW - get into class rooms to promote and expose more kids
 - ii. Use any STEM mentors in each school
 - iii. Get in front of school superintendents and have them help present
 - iv. Volunteers to promote, mentor, donate, and help with the competitions
 - e. George will provide e-mail templates and a PR packet which will be sent to Council members who then will then share this with schools and other organizations. His e-mail address is george@techpointyouth.org.
7. State and Regional Partners Update
- a. DWD - Natalie Wenzler attended on behalf of Jennifer O'Shea. Work-an-Learn initiative has an up to \$40,000 grant with a 4:1 ratio to private match for each Region with a deadline of July 1st.. Chris Lowery is chairing the State's task group on Work-and-Learn. Fortunately, we have good examples in our Region.
 - b. Workforce Development Board - High School Resume project is in progress with 540 students from various high schools and career centers. 140 have signed waivers and have been contacting businesses. They are looking at ways to get the other businesses in the region involved.
 - c. EcO -
 - i. The student internship program had 79 applications for an original 39 openings, but only 14 have been filled. Why have some companies who said they would support internships, have not taken on interns or less than they said they would? Stephanie will send the list of companies stating their original request and a map of the applicants to Chris to see what action we can take to promote.
 - ii. A Workforce Talent Summit for our Region will be held on 11/10/16 in Columbus..
 - iii. The 1st quarter update of the Skill Up grant projects was sent to the State.
 - d. AHEC - There is no one in attendance who can report on AHEC activities.
8. Network Updates – Leaders
- a. Educational Attainment - Kathy
 - i. Seven schools have agreed to participate in the Student Tracker initiative.
 - ii. IU policy Institute has been analyzing data and creating maps. A meeting later in the summer will be scheduled with Regional partners.
 - iii. Also, Kathy would like 2 volunteers from the Works Council to join the Adult team.
 - b. Manufacturing Sector - Stephanie
 - i. The Conexus internship program - see comments in the above EcO notes.
 - ii. Teacher Externship program is going very well with 46 teachers visiting 24 manufacturers in June.
 - iii. The Cub manufacturing model:
 - 1. Madison has hired a new teacher.
 - 2. Seymour is working with the middle school gateway program and have targeted 12 students out of 15.

3. Batesville Ivy Tech program is ordering equipment for program which will included 5 high schools.
 - iv. There will be summer manufacturing camps at 9 locations in the Region to be completed by the end of June.
 - c. Health Care Sector - Jane
 - i. In the early stages of building the Network. A preliminary meeting was held with very good reactions from the attendees. Currently reaching out to other healthcare providers and mapping out the stakeholders.
 - ii. Also, they want to do an assessment of the current programs happening in the Region.
9. Works Council's charged to support the framework and policy guide creation for work-and-learn
 - a. Chris stated that it would be important for our region to submit an application for the Works Council grant for the growth of work-and-learn programs in the Region.
 - b. Chris asked for volunteers to work on a committee to come up with an idea and, using the grant guidelines, outline a proposal concept to recommend..
 - c. Elvin, Sue, Harold and Jan volunteered to put something to together for review at the June 23rd meeting.
10. Other business
 - a. June 23rd meeting - Possible conflict with the INPIN session - It was decided that the Works Council will meet on the 23rd as planned
 - b. December 15th meeting - Cub Mfg visit conflicts with the high school finals - Kathy informs us that is not the case now, December 15th is a good date to visit.
 - c. Ivy Tech Poster Program update and copies for Rebecca - The plan is to re-scrub the poster content, print them in June and be in the schools by August. Rebecca and the PMA would like copy of each version.
11. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting was adjourned by Chris Lowery.
 - b. Our next meeting is at Ivy Tech - Riverfront in Lawrenceburg on 06/23/16 in Room 444 of the Business Conference Center - 50 Walnut Street, Lawrenceburg, IN