



## **Region 6 Works Council**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Towne Square Community Center**

**123 W Franklin St**

**Winchester, IN 47394**

#### **I. Call to Order and Welcome**

##### **Roll Call**

Members Present: Tim Conley, Greg Hinshaw, Jeremy Gulley, Bonnie Willey, Mike Wickersham, Kathy McCarty, Rick Barnett, Jud Motsenbocker

Members Absent: Rhonda Everhart, Kirk Robbins, Mike Row, Jim Hiester, Rusty Hensley, Bill Bradley

Guests: Melissa Learning, Jennifer O'Shea, Carolyn Bunzendahl

- II. Nicole Stitt presented the report. The total business count was 35 for all three phases. There are 197 individuals who should have received a stipend. Three are still unclaimed. Delaware co. had the most businesses and teachers. Rush Co. had a very good turnout. There was an increase in awareness of skills required by business. Businesses were invited into the Muncie Area Career Center for an open house. Other schools were not able to host open houses.

The marketing pieces created were a brochure, two videos at MACC and postcards. Videos are going to live on the R6 website. Jennifer will send the links so we can view them and vote next meeting.

Most individuals expressed they would have never known what employers needed and committed to adding soft skills in their courses. HR directors from companies have offered internships for students. This was an important start.

The final report will identify specific barriers and communication issues. There are many opportunities for future work. The final document will be shared with the council for approval and then will be sent on to the state.

Jeremy shared how we could add the brochure to our website so teachers can click on the links and get a list of businesses. Nicole will survey businesses for permission to list them on the teacher resource website. A recommendation is to add a map with the career centers and HS vocational programs. The website needs a way for employers to contact someone to be added.

This was a great first step.

- III. Jeremy presented the final report for the CTE grant. The Jay County Manufacturing Academy has doubled the number of students.

The works council webinar on 529 accounts spawned a tremendous college going culture across Jay County for grades K-3. It can be replicated. Schools are excellent implementers. This is a simple structure “feed my pig” where students bring their pig every Friday to put their money into their account. Early graduates will complete the “Golden Ticket” program to enter the workforce directly from high school.

- IV. The demand occupation list has not changed. The Skill Up application has been submitted.

The group asked questions and discussed scope and what can be accomplished in 18 months. One struggle is to incorporate credentials in all training. An Arkansas example of employer developed and led training was shared – Rushville is looking at replicating the model. The partner meeting is tomorrow in New Castle. The cash match is a struggle.

- V. Jan 21 is the next meeting. We adjourned at 3:27.