



## **Region 6 Works Council**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

**September 17, 2015**

**1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Wick's Pies**

**217 SE Greenville Avenue**

**Winchester, IN 47394**

I. Tour of Wick's Pies –the tour was AWESOME!!!!!! We greatly appreciate the opportunity to see the operations.

II. Call to Order and Welcome

Roll Call Members: Tim Conley, Mike Row, Greg Hinshaw, Jeremy Gulley, Bonnie Willey, Rick Barnett, Jim Hiester, Scot Croner, Bill Bradley, Kirk Robbins, Mike Wickersham, Kathy McCarty  
Guests: Robert Hobbs, Jennifer O'Shea

III. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from August Meeting

Approved unanimously.

IV. Update to Region 6 Works Council Action Plan

Thoughts on the commissioner's visit- Greg shared thoughts on the schools ability to be responsive because we have to meet state mandates.

- Scot is concerned about centralization.
- Workforce development would like to work with us. There have been 7 retirements in region 6 recently, so it will take time to find replacements.

Action plan – Jeremy shared the mission, vision and goals.

- The goals are built from the concept of thinking regionally, acting locally.
- Schools as example and manifest an action plan. A students graduated from the manufacturing academy, completed an internship, got a job and the school can take pictures and hang it on the website.
- About 65 students who could graduate early could complete the golden ticket program. Employers will have to step up to make it happen.

- The evaluation under goal 3, needs to be examined to see if those goals can be met across all schools. There are some criteria that are straight forward, other are too prescriptive, and some may need to be added.
- The vision is one folks can get behind, the mission and goals are tight.
- A possible next step is to see if we can inventory initiatives and plug them into the goals. School to Work would be a possible initiative to put into a google doc so others can share what they have also done toward that goal.
- There is no means to the ends with the council, the doers are in our communities, The role of the council is to sketch out broad goals to last over time so local communities can come back to this plan.
- This group can be a convener, endorser, award giver to recognize successful initiatives in communities.
- We can use google as a collaborative space for share initiatives, examples, ideas that fit each goal.
- We appreciate Jeremy's work on the action plan.
- Mike shared possible grant funds to help get pockets of initiatives going to align with some work and learn opportunities.
- Jeremy will clean up the plan and make some thought bubbles or examples of items that could go in each goal.
- Jennifer is working on work and learn projects statewide.
- Randolph County has a person, Anastacia, who will be tracking work and learn projects for the county and can share it with other counties.
- We need to get the place for data built so folks can get to it to share information and maximize efficiency.
- Jennifer can have a conversations with Todd from CELL to see about technical assistance to see up a simple framework. Jeremy will send Jennifer the email with details. The example given is the 529 google drive that 9 counties share.
- Jay County has hundreds of kids going to Taylor over 4 days next week. See JayCountypromise.org

## V. Adjournment

Mike Row asked for a letter of support for the Skill-Up grant. He will provide a form. We approved to support the grant. We are up to 215 on the ACT Work Ready Communities.

Rick shared IML will cease operations in September 2016. His job the past months has been to try to sell the business. Reductions may start in April next year. Stay tuned. DWD is working with them to get folks into the pipeline for retraining.

We had an invitation to meet in Greenwood at the training facility to see the apprenticeship program. There are opportunities for students in building trades, welding and others.

Next meeting is at NC Career Center. Jim will chair that meeting. Adjourned 3:42.

