



**School to Careers Committee
Minutes
January 17, 2008
Wooster High School Career Center
1331 Plumb Lane, Reno, NV**

Present: Steve Hull, Bob Alessandrelli, Sharon Lanier, Juanita Jeanney, Susie Rusk, Stacie Peterson, Samantha Hudson, Laura Langner, Tiffany Young, Jim Pfrommer, John Thurman, Denise Hedrick, Sharon Cossette

Steve Hull, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.
Self-introductions were made.

Review and Approve Minutes from November 15, 2007:

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the November 15th meeting as presented.
BY: Jim Pfrommer
SECOND: Stacie Peterson
VOTE: The minutes were approved as presented.

Business Conference Investigation:

John Thurman gave the update. The rough guideline was reviewed.
Suggestions for a date, time, location, name and speaker were made.
John thanked everyone for their input, and asked them to submit more thoughts.

Ready for Life Initiative:

Denise Hedrick and Tiffany Young gave the report.
Ready for Life is a process our community will be going through to look at our young people, ages 14 to 25, that are disconnected from school, not gainfully employed, or disappear from the system. What can the community do to support the youth that fall into these categories? Identifying resources and gaps in those resources are part of the process.
The steering committee has met. They have hired Social Entrepreneurs to do a needs assessment. They will put focus groups together with the identified target populations of kids. They are also looking at best practices from other "Ready for Life" communities. After the data from the initial studies has been collected a stakeholders convening will be held, where a strategic plan will be developed. This will be an opportunity for all entities across the state to come together, and find the best solution as to how to better serve the youth, and get them moved on to the next level, so that they can be ready for life. Tiffany invited this group to attend the next steering committee meeting.

Manchester Bidwell Project:

Manchester Bidwell Training Center's vision is to respond to employment markets in southwestern Pennsylvania by offering programs providing career paths and opportunities in the high-tech, culinary and medical fields. Bidwell believes that education offered in an intelligent, planned and financially sound manner will bear real results for our students and the entire community.

Katie Singlaub, Washoe County Manager has been leading the Youth Services Development Group for disadvantaged youth. The group has been looking at bringing a similar training center to this community. Bill Strickland originally set up this program in Pittsburgh over 30 years ago.

At this time the group is trying to raise \$150,000 to bring Bill Strickland into our community as a consultant to replicate this model. The hope is to someday soon to get this entity up running with training that fits our workforce needs within the region. Steve Hull will keep the group updated on the progress of this project.

EC Awards:

The recognition event is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Silver Legacy.

Public Comment:

Stacie Peterson, Denise Hedrick, and Susie Rusk gave a little bit of background on the high school career center concept. They were developed to be a place where students could get career information on their time.

Something this committee could look is the level of support it can lend to career centers.

Parent Career Night will be January 24th at RTI from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Meeting Schedule:

Mike Raponi will update the committee on the future Nevada's Carl Perkins "Five Year Grant Plan" at the February 21st meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am.