

REGIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

October 6, 2009

Provo School District

Professional Development Center

ATTENDEES: Jared Ferguson, Scott Taylor, Glen Bailey, Lisa Birch, Cheryl Cummings, Ranae Lee, Shirlee Silversmith, Ryan Whitesides, Suzanne Rodriguez, Shiloh Steed, Julie Steed, Sandra (grandmother), Anita Craven, JoAnn Tuttle, Lori Stewart, Linda Holt, Julie Lay

WELCOME - Jared

Organization changes and budget cuts have made it harder to come to meetings, so thank you for being here.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jared

Jared entertained a motion for approval of the July 7 minutes. Lisa moved for approval. Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE - Jared

We had an inspirational meeting at National Guard headquarters in August. Didn't realize how much the Guard does to serve community and state. Kind of emotional to watch the Powerpoint presentation on troops and deployment and service they provide to community. Council decided to send letters to troops sending appreciation for efforts on behalf of ourselves and freedom. Suggest that this council does the same. Julie will coordinate the effort and will ask to have letters sent back to her for distribution to the troops.

Council finalized the employer suggestions letter to youth but put in brochure form - one for graduating students and non-graduating students. Hoping to get to students upon graduation or end of school year. Provo School District will give to all graduating students when they get their diploma and packet of information. This was a collaborative effort between Regional Council and Youth Council and must make determination on how to get to youth. **Let Julie know by next meeting intention on how to distribute to youth.** Both councils can share this effort with the State as an accomplishment. Other councils are considering this effort in their regions.

Question on Non-graduating brochure – should an email address for Kip's be more generic than what is listed?

EDUCATION PRESENTATION – Lisa

Pathways program started 3 years ago, started with 62 job pathways for specific careers, added throughout the years. Career Pathways coordinators – 7 school districts in region. Program that goes through CTE, funded through Carl Perkins federal grant. Each state had charge to find way to develop career pathways in State. Each runs it differently. Utah is far ahead of many other states with regards to pathway education.

Federal government saw need to match what students are learning in school with what doing in workplace. Focus efforts on certain efforts not just to take class. If interested in healthcare could tell them what classes would help them be prepared for college. See connection of what learning in high school for continued education.

Need career pathways because sometimes students don't know how to get from point A to point B. Help give them an understanding of certain careers to see if they even like it before starting college. Help students understand more careers in a given field that they may not be aware of. Help guide them towards specific careers based on interest.

Help ease transition from high school to college. Can start with some college credit while in high school. Aligns training with employer needs. CTE classes are teaching relevant subjects that will help them in workforce.

Eight areas of study in Utah that focus on career pathways – agriculture, business, family and consumer science, health science and technology information technology, marketing, technology and engineering, and skilled and technical education.

Under each one of areas there are many areas of study – come and go as jobs come and go based on jobs in demand. Graduation requirements have gone up for the graduating class of 2011. Trying to reemphasize to students that the skills they learn are important to employers and they should learn them and retain them. Encouraging kids in CTE to list skills they get in classes on resumes and they understand how to do it to share with employers. Some schools are moving away from resumes and focusing on portfolios. Kids can put their skills test in this folio for future use.

Schools in our region are Alpine, Provo, Nebo Wasatch, Park City, South Summit, North Summit, and include MATC and UVU. Takes a lot to get word out on career pathways, need teachers to help market it. Parents don't always know the graduation requirements and focus of study of their kids. Parents can be more involved with graduation requirements and progress of students through pathways.

Wristband flash drive was developed to take them to pathways that's in the form of a game for students to get them interested and be interactive without reading brochure. Help educate kids on the concept of career pathways, gave about 10,000 away last year and will do again.

Utah Futures is new program that tracks a student's education occupational plan and helps them plan their future careers and education to get there. This goes through adulthood so they can track if they come to Adult Education to see what their interests are and progress made. Work with business advisory councils, employers' perspective, and academic skills.

The Vision is to see every student take the opportunity to earn college credit in high school, saving time and money, that will help them earn an Associates degree while in high school.

www.careerpathwaysut.org is website for reference.

DVD shown. If interested in getting copies of the DVD please contact Lisa.

OUTSTANDING YOUTH RECOGNITION - Jared

Shiloh Steed, native of Orem, part of the Alpine School District for awhile, \$25,000 scholarship recipient. He's 17 years old, double graduate, double certifier in machining and welding - usually 24 year olds get this. Shiloh beat odds, came in with large group, but many left program for different reasons. Successful product of program, will graduate in January when he's 18 years old. Received GED. Guides tours with Job Corps for public each week, is a role model for students on how to succeed. Is a leader at Clearfield Job Corps., which is the 3rd largest center in the country.

HEALTH SCIENCES PARTNERSHIP - Lisa

Region has team up with Healthcare and Education, similar to a group in Salt Lake. Talk about ways to promote healthcare. Students don't always know it takes a village to run a hospital. Explore careers in healthcare. Group is trying to figure out ways to promote this information to students. Two separate committees formed: summer camps and job fairs. Summer camps in Alpine have been 3 day camps but limited to 24 students. Wanted to expand to more students. Suggested one-day camps, with three at IHC, and three at Mountainstar Hospitals. Opened to entire region, not just Alpine. At end of one day camp bring all students in one location on next steps.

How to bring more experiences with career fair to high school students to help educate on different occupations? Decided to do big career day planned for 2011 for entire region, bringing business and education for sophomores and possibly 9th graders. Brought up explorer posts at last meeting so Shirlee ought to be invited to these meetings as well.

Lisa will put her on the invitee list.

UPCOMING EVENTS – DWS is hosting a Vendor Fair to educate DWS employment counselors, Rehab counselors, school guidance counselors on the approved vendor training list October 28 at Provo Employment Center, 9:00 – 12:00.

Julie to send flyer and Approved Vendor List to council members

DWS is also sponsoring an **Immigration Law** seminar on Nov 18 Provo EC. 9:00 – 11:00. **Julie will send flyer.**

Jared reported that Brent Brown held an open house in September for automotive students. Deemed to be a high growth area, need to get word to students and parents on employment in automotive areas and wages available. Want to get students from throughout region to attend these future open houses. Brent presented and got emotional when telling his journey into the automotive field and his parents' perception of automotive careers. Second open house will be late January, early February of 2010. Hoping to have DWS have table at open houses to share data information relevant to the field.

DWS Automotive brochure was shared – if need extra copies please contact Julie.

Jared stated members out to read Trendlines magazine by DWS which is published quarterly. **Julie will share website and details on how to get on mailing list to receive this electronic copy.**

Maira was called out of the country to return to family in Samoa after the tsunami and her father's leadership role in their community. Several family members were lost or affected by the tsunami. Our thoughts and prayers go to Maira.

RESOURCE GUIDE - Jared

Dropping out – make available to counseling centers and counselors and share resources if student is considering dropping out. Explore options on how to get information to students who have dropped out. Skateboard shops, DWS Employment centers, arcades, (ask high school resource officer). Is there an intermediary stage between high school and adult high school programs?

Next Steps – after changes are made, and before next meeting, document will be emailed to members. Share with people for feedback, value or not? Who was it shared with? Printed out? Feedback and discussion at next meeting. Suggested we do not have two separate documents, but combine into one using the STOP picture in place of the tassel picture.

Next meeting will discuss DWS restructure, WIA Update, Budget and Expenditures

ROUNDTABLE

Ryan stated was offering free tours to Weber Basin and Clearfield Job Corps Centers. Eat lunch and tour sites. Ryan will provide transportation. Half day, end at 3:00. Give members a better idea of Job Corps and services offered. Ryan can get a van and pick group one if meet in one location. Job Corps serves 16-24 year old young adults. Scholarship is for low income students, graduates and non graduates. More for disadvantaged youth. 801-898-7296. Will pick up at one location. Could committee go for tour in future meeting? Jared and Ryan will discuss at next meeting to set date.

Previous meeting discussed letter to legislature for more guidance counselors in schools. Guidelines from state have designated certain amount of students per counselor. Have more than past, but not enough. Do we still want to pursue letter or should we wait and see what effect this change has? Letter sends message that we still need more counselors. *Be careful of threat to pull funding if don't have required members. Some schools can't quite meet number that's required so could lose funding. Add in letter need for additional funds for current ruling of more counselors.* Looked at partnering with UVU with career coach to guide students in post high school programs. UVU given Provo School District money to do this. May give other school districts money as well though concern as to how they'll spend it. Letter could state better connections with Higher Ed. **DECISION TO WAIT TO SEE OUTCOMES BEFORE DRAFTING LETTER. ENCOURAGE EACH OF YOU TO SEND INDIVIDUALLY AND PRIVATELY.**

Auto list to be sent to schools on equipment needs. Teachers need places for students to go more than equipment – internships, person to person connection, guest lecturers. **Julie will share this information with the State.**

NEXT MEETING

January 5, 10:00 – 12:00 at the Nebo School District, 350 South Main, Spanish Fork (not Price exit, Spanish Fork Main exit). District building in CTE building across from district office. Continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each quarter (April 6 Adult Ed. 987 South Geneva Road MATC, July 6th Job Corps possibly, October to be determined)

Scott informed members that Wasatch Mental Health is starting youth advisory board, if interested in being part of advisory board would like appreciate knowing that and encourage you to be involved. wtaylor@wasatch.org meeting every other month. Typical community advisory board and how to better serve needs of mental health issues in youth.

Meeting Adjourned