



DARKE COUNTY

Educational Service Center

Michael E. Gray, Superintendent

Business Advisory Council (BAC) March 1, 2020 **JOINT STATEMENT**

Darke County BAC Mission Statement:

The Darke County Business Advisory Council, in partnership with Darke County schools and businesses, will assist in the assessment of workforce needs and employability skills for student success in the regional economy.

Our first meeting for the 2019-2020 school years was November 13, 2019 at the Darke County ESC. Members present were Mike Gray, Darke Co. ESC Superintendent; Tamala Marley, Workforce Specialist, Darke Co. Economic Development; Janelle Brinksneider, The Andersons, and superintendents Jim Atchley (Ansonia), Josh Sagester (Tri-Village), John Stephens (Arcanum) and Jeff Winchester (Mississinawa Valley).

Items discussed:

- Pre-apprenticeship operating plan;
- Career-Based Intervention funding;
- John Stephens – Discussed the vision of Arcanum with regards to their Pre-apprenticeship Plan;
- Tamala Marley plans to contact Harold Niehaus, Career Connections, Director at Preble Co. ESC;
- Other topics discussed: Business relationships, Junior Job Shadow Day, Senior Career Fair, Life Long Learning and Resume Building

February 12, 2020 meeting:

Members Present – Mike Gray, Tamala Marley, Janelle Brinksneider, Superintendents – Jim Atchley, Jeremy Pequignot, Josh Sagester, John Stephens, and Jeff Winchester. Special guests—Harold Niehaus with Preble Co. ESC and Rachel Carlisle with Edison State Community College.

Items discussed:

- Harold Niehaus discussed what he has done in Preble County. He has met with every senior this year in Preble County. What is your “A Plan” and what is your “B Plan”. He is going to meet with every junior in Preble County next year. He works on resume building and feels that this should begin in 9th grade. Parent connections are a must. Preble Co. has a job website and the goal is to get every student logged in. Harold’s contracted days are 210 days through the Preble Co. ESC.
- Tamala Marley is planning teacher tours and will have more information at the regular scheduled Superintendents’ meeting.
- Janelle Brinksneider wanted to know “What are schools currently doing to inform parents and students regarding career/college opportunities?”
- Discussion about counselors and the responsibilities they have with our students. Most counselors are testing coordinators which takes up so much time that they have difficulty for some of the things discussed above.

The BAC meets four times during the school year. The next BAC meeting is Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Darke County ESC.

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It is the mission of the Darke County Educational Service Center to provide quality service to our clients by working collaboratively and providing leadership to our community of learners in their pursuit of excellence