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“Quality Service on a Personal Level”

Fairfield County Business Advisory Council
February 18, 2020 12 p.m.-2 p.m.
ESC Kitchen-Room 134
Minutes

1. Call to Order-12:00 p.m.
2. Introduction of Members

Name	Organization
Bob Blackburn	Pickerington Local Schools
Jennifer Blackstone	Liberty Union-Thurston
Christine Boucher	Eastland-Fairfield Career Center
Randy Cotner	Walnut Township Local Schools
Tom Cumbow	TWC Enterprises
J.B. Dick	Amanda-Clearcreek Local Schools
Jeffrey Fix	Fairfield County Commissioners
Jennifer Friel	Mid West Fabricating
Craig Heath	Berne Union Local Schools
Scott Hinton	Amanda-Clearcreek Local Schools
Todd Hoffman	Fairfield Union Local Schools
Bonnie Hopkins	Eastland-Fairfield Career Center
Mike Johnson	Liberty-Union Thurston Local Schools/ESC
Will Kirby	ESC/Walnut Township Local Schools
Carissa Lehman	Liberty Union-Thurston
John Parker	Berne Union Local Schools
Mike Pfeiffer	Worthington Industries
Dustin Pyles	Vaza Consulting
Dean Sabetta	Pickerington Local Schools
Michelle Sawyer	Pickerington Local Schools
Courtney Stebelton	Fairfield County ESC
Rick Szabrak	33 Alliance/Fairfield County Economic Development
Marie Ward	Fairfield County ESC
Steve Wigton	Lancaster City Schools

3. Approval of the Minutes from November 19, 2019
Motion was made by Mr. Cotner and seconded by Mr. Dick.
All Aye

4. Update on LU's Tech Program-Jennifer Blackstone

Jennifer Blackstone, curriculum coordinator, and Carissa Lehman, technology instructor, spoke on the Liberty Union-Thurston IT program, a potential pathway that could lead to IT careers. The program is in collaboration with the University of Cincinnati. The idea is to start on the pathway in High School that way you can progress through college at a faster pace, earn credits that can lead right into the University's program. Once at the University students will enter into co-op situations so that they will be in the classroom one semester and the workforce the next with the idea that they will be able to save the money from working to pay for the following semester.

Students will provide capstone projects and High School graduates will also receive some form of certification upon graduation in case they do not wish to continue with the University of Cincinnati's program. Cisco, CT6

Ms. Blackstone asked the group about needs in the community.

ODE IT credentialing pathway needs to be explored.

Mr. Hinton stated that AC is welding certified, IT cyber security, and is interested in getting more CTE licensed teachers that way they can start exposing their 7th grade students to career tech pathways with the potential for 8th grade students to rotate out every 9 weeks between different programs and then choosing a pathway in their 9th grade year.

Mr. Pfeiffer stated that students need to be exposed to the products/situations. Reading about something in a classroom and having the experience are two different things.

5. Career Expo-Rick Szabrak

Workforce Center has the space to house physical areas of "Lab" work. Possible collaboration with EFCTS in providing space. 2nd Career Expo will be on April 1st, so far there are 25 vendors with more to come. Start time of 4 p.m. for the public and 3:30 p.m. for those students already enrolled in the career readiness program.

6. Update on Sub-Committee

Dead-end pending ODE.

Mr. Cumbow stated that he is concerned that there will be a push towards union apprenticeships which is a challenge to small businesses.

Mr. Kirby stated that per ODE to obtain an apprenticeship you must either link with an already approved program or take on the load to create a new one.

Mr. Sabetta stated Pickerington has engaged with an apprenticeship program through TTP mechanical. Potential to develop an MOU, they will provide field experience into industry recognized credentials. Create a flexible partnership to be flexible with ODE and be able to mix and match.

7. Other

Mr. Hoffman stated that he was pleased at the size of the group today, but he feels that the purpose of the Business Advisory Council is to bring businesses and school representatives together. He felt that there were too many administrators and not enough school board representatives and business representatives.

8. Adjournment-1:05 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Cumbow and seconded by Mr. Dick.

All Aye