



Spokane Area WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 6, 2008 - 8:15 AM
Spokane Skills Center
4141 N Regal

Members in Attendance:

Gary Allen-Spokane Skills Center	Andrew Arganbright– Kemper, Kemper, A Unitrin Business	Donna Dalzell-DVR	Robert Duron-Coffee Systems Inc
Laura Foust-Job Corps	Kevin Managhan-Inland Empire Electrical Training Trust	John Serben-American Medical Response	Lisa White-Spokane Public Schools

Members Absent:

Jeff Duncan-SRO	Kathleen Grier-Juvenile Court	Mike Senske-Pearson Packaging System	Bonnie Wagner-WSU Health Education Center
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Others Present:

Trudie Duxbury-ESD101	Linda Evans-WS	Laurel Kelly-VOA	Michael LeaderCharge-City of Spokane
Anne Millane-WS	Trina Miller-CCS	Valerie Payette-GSI	Sean Pelfrey-WS
Trina Scott-WS	Angelique Signorelli- ESD101	Ben Stuckart-Community in Schools	Tim O'Halloran-SPS

Marvin Sperber - Juvenile
Parole w/State of Washington

Staff Present:

Dawn Karber – Youth Program and
Development Manager

Anne Lockwood – Secretary

CALL TO ORDER FOR VOTING MEMBERS:

The meeting was called to order at 8:16 am.

ITEM #1 – APPROVE MARCH 4, 2008 YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES:

On a motion and a second the March 4, 2008 Minutes were approved with corrections Andrew Arganbright's company name to read Kemper, Kemper, A Unitrin Business and the Construction Career Fair has been moved to October 1st and 2nd. None opposed.

An e-mail vote was done to approve the January 15, 2008, and February 5, 2008 Minutes. Approved. None opposed.

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

An e-mail vote was done to approve Youth Council membership of Linda Duncan, Michael LeaderCharge and Trina Miller. Approved. None opposed.

Tina Morrison, Steve Jurich, Craig Lee are no longer on the Youth Council.

The Youth Council still has to look over its membership. We are lacking a parent of eligible youth or someone in the foster care system. If you know of anyone who fits these requirements please let Dawn Karber know and she can contact them.

VISION/MISSION STATEMENT:

An e-mail vote was done to approve the Youth Council Vision and Mission Statement. Approved. None opposed.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 am.

CALL TO ORDER FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 am. Introductions were made.

AGENCY UPDATES:

- Michael LeaderCharge – Chase Youth Commission, had an informational recruitment night. There were 80 applicants to be on the Chase Youth Commission. There are some strong candidates for the Chase Youth Commission. Michael let Dawn Karber know that she might want to use some of the Youth for the Youth Council.
- Trudie Duxbury – Educational Service District No. 101, worked with a youth who had their GED, but wanted to go back to school and get their diploma. The youth was successful
- Marvin Sperber – Juvenile Parole with the State of Washington, tries to get more kids involved with resources in the area.
- Trina Scott – Next Generation Zone, the Next Generation Zone has hit their enrollment registration goals.
- Anne Millane – Next Generation Zone, the Next Generation Zone has received the 2008 Jim Chase “Asset Builder” Adult Award.
- Laurel Kelly – Volunteers of America, has 15 to 20 kids in the Crosswalk Shelter and they are getting ready to receive their GED or diploma.

- Linda Evans – WorkSource Center, Tries to place youth in On-The-Job training programs. There have been 18 On-The-Job training programs developed for youth in the Next Generation Zone. There should be about 145 youth in the Work Experience program.
- Laura Foust – Job Corps just returned from regional training in Portland. Job Corps has one of the largest contracts in the nation. The contract awarded is a 5 year contract.
- Kevin Managhan – Pizza, Pop, and Power Tools will be May 20th, and 21st. Everyone is invited. Pizza, Pop, and Power Tools will run from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. There should be 400 8th grade girls in attendance. This hands on career fair has been growing since it started 4 years ago.
- Lisa White – Spokane Public Schools, in the legislature there is a 3.1 million dollar CGTE bill to target high school kids for technical education.

Legislature is taking note of the high dropout rate in schools. There is 100 million dollars available for new construction targeted towards Skills Centers across the state of Washington. Spokane Skills Center is applying for this funding to create a healthcare skills program. Our representative Tim Ormsby is one of sponsors for the bill. The grant should be available for school districts in next couple of weeks.

- Tim O'Halloran – Spokane Public Schools, working with seniors in high schools interested in construction to help them with the interviewing process when the seniors apply for jobs after graduation. Tim is also working with the Pizza, Pop & Power Tools team.
- Trina Miller – Community Colleges of Spokane, the IBEST program is new for the Community Colleges of Spokane. IBEST is the only way to get into college without diploma or GED. IBEST is Career and Technical instruction and adult basic skills. This program is for people who need to improve basic skills. Although IBEST is for everyone, CCS is focusing on the 17 year old youth who need career and technical certification.

The Community Colleges of Spokane recognizes the need for wraparound services for tuition transportation etc. for people who are part of the IBEST program. Trina is going to take a work team to Atlanta for the Career Clusters Institute to try and solidify a plan to provide the services needed.

- Valarie Payette – Greater Spokane Incorporated (GSI), The GSI program works with the Teach the Teachers program. This will be the Teach the Teachers program's one year anniversary. The workshops are meant to teach teachers about all opportunities that are out there for youth.

Dawn and Valarie were at Shadle Park High School overseeing a now and then workshop. A now and then workshop is showing high school students what they are now and what they can become. Tom Smith is the teacher at Shadle Park High School, who allowed Dawn and Valarie to have this workshop.

- Donna Dalzell – Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation has come out of the wait list phase. The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation is going to have an Open House to celebrate. The Open House is May 29th. Donna will send the invitation to Anne for distribution.
- Andrew Arganbright – Kemper, A Unitrin Business, Andrew's office is starting to look and see if there is a community event Kemper could participate in by volunteering, providing monetary assistance, etc. It does not matter if the community event is on a yearly or on going basis. You can contact Andrew at aarganbright@ekemper.com.

PRESENTATION – COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS:

Ben Stuckart works at Communities in Schools. It is a new non profit in Spokane and was formed in December 2007 by Bill Milliken. Bill started street front schools. Bill wanted try to save the youth from the streets at the beginning, then moved his focus towards prevention and started to bring community resources into 1st and 2nd grades without duplicating resources. Communities in Schools is funded by Costco at this time, but it is Ben's job is to raise money so the program can become sustainable.

The dropout rate is 30%. There are several ways to gather the dropout rate but Communities in Schools uses 30% because it is the rate schools use. The dropout rate is really closer to 40% to 50%. This is a high impact number and will cost us over a course of a lifetime.

Surveys are sent out to the parents of the youth in the school Communities in Schools has chosen. Then interviews are done. Each school has a different need. This is a system wide/school wide look at services.

Once it is determined what a community needs a site coordinator is placed in the school. In Spokane Communities in Schools is focusing on one grade school (Riverside Elementary), four middle schools (Glover middle school, Chase Middle School, Cheney Middle School, Riverside Middle School), and 1 high school.

DISCUSS NEW MEMBERS AND VISION STATEMENT:

New Members

Linda Duncan, Trina Miller and Michael LeaderCharge have been approved to join the Youth Council.

Tina Morrison, Steve Jurich, Craig Lee and David Sullivan have discontinued their membership on the Youth Council.

The Youth Council wants to contact people who can fill the role as parent of eligible youth or a foster parent, if you know of anyone who would like to participate on the Youth Council contact Dawn.

By-Laws

The Youth Council By-Laws were passed by the WDC, with a change to the By-Laws. The Chair of the Youth Council is a one year term instead of the original two year term. A Co-Chair for the Youth Council is needed at this time to replace the current Chair of the Youth Council on July 1st. The Chair and Co-Chair of the Youth Council need to be a member of the WDC and a business person.

Vision/Mission Statements

The Vision and Mission Statements have been passed.

WDC Youth Council Vision Statement:

Spokane area provides youth with the resources and opportunities to reach their potential and succeed in becoming valuable members of the community.

WDC Youth Council Mission Statement:

To create a comprehensive youth employment delivery system that supports the needs of business and industry by preparing young people for success in life and work.

COMMITTEE WORK DISCUSSION:

New committees were formed and started work on focusing the Youth Council's efforts. It is uncertain how effective the committees are at this time. The Youth Council needs the committees to tell us how effective the Youth Council is. The following questions were asked to the group:

- a. Are the committees able to make progress at this time?
- b. Do the committees need to meet at another time besides the Youth Council meeting?
- c. Do the people on the committees have time to contribute to the committees?
- d. Do we need to refocus? Does the Youth Council need to focus on other areas or should the Youth Council only focus on the funding side of things?
- e. Do we have too many committees?

The Youth Focused Series, Quality Career Events, Next Generation Zone, and the Internship committees need to express to the Youth Council:

- a. ideas of what is working with the committee, and
 - b. what the committees get out of the Youth Council meetings.
1. Sean Pelfrey has been involved with youth for 16 years and thinks the Youth Council is very beneficial. New programs help keep Sean up to date.
 2. The Youth Council needs to be more visible. We can give kids more resources if people know where to send the information.

3. Kevin Managhan has been on the Youth Council for quite awhile and has gotten to see that Spokane's a leader in the grand scheme of things. It doesn't matter if we do not have outcomes all the time. We need to maintain the lines of communication and the Youth Council provides the venue for this.
4. Laura Foust likes hearing the presentations from other agencies.

REPORT ON COMMITTEE WORK:

a) Youth Focused Series Committee

The committee hasn't met outside of the Youth Council meeting because the committee is widespread.

We received really good input from members of the committee for the survey. We were able to take that information and send it to the college. The college is rewording the survey so they can do the statistics for the committee. The surveys will be ready to go out soon. The most important step is to find out what youth want.

b) Quality Career Events Committee

The purpose of this committee is to get a list of all career events that are happening. This will give the committee a handle on what is happening at the community level. The committee needs to determine if we support the existing career events or need to create new career events.

c) Next Generation Zone Committee

The committee has not met yet. Anne Millane is going to go over the data involved with the Next Generation Zone with the committee.

d) Internship Committee

The Committee hasn't met outside of the Youth Council meetings, but the committee keeps in contact via e-mail.

The survey was sent out to businesses in Greater Spokane Incorporated's (GSI) last newsletter. The committee did not have the response they were hoping for.

Suggestions to help reach more businesses were:

- a. Send out survey in an e-mail by itself;
- b. have the Business Solutions Team take the survey to the businesses they are interviewing;
- c. have the surveys available at GSI breakfasts and meetings; and
- d. speak to businesses one on one and explain why they are taking the survey.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Asset Mapping – Linda Evans like the idea of mapping our assets. The community can take inventory of all the assets Spokane has and share this information.

We do not know what is happening or what resources we have right now. Some assets are going to fall through the cracks, but we are going to try to get a handle on what is available. There needs to be more collaboration. We all are really making connections. Yvonne from the schools has been collecting some information. Tim O'Halloran is doing assets mapping for the Union and non union construction trades.

There is a grant being worked on right now for asset mapping.

2. Community Bulletin Board - Where is our community bulletin board? If you know major events coming up who would you contact? Who has ownership of the calendar? Talking to youth might give us an idea of where to put this information.
3. Future Meetings – It was suggested that the June meeting be held at the Next Generation Zone. The Youth Council could possibly meet at Community Colleges this summer.

If we are going to have the next Youth Council meeting at the Next Generation Zone we need to invite the Business Solutions Team.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 am.

NEXT MEETING:

The Youth Council will be meeting June 3, 2008, from 8:15 am 10:00 am, Location to be determined.