



NPESC's Business Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

NOECA, 219 Howard Dr. Sandusky, OH 44870
Thursday, December 7, 2023
9:30 AM

- I. Welcome & Introductions - Ashley Spangler, Vice - Chairman
- II. Roll Call of Members
 - a. Present: Jim Rinaldo, Doug Crooks, Ben Chaffee, Kyleigh Cross, Laramie Spurlock, Daryl Deering, Jeff McClellan, Rob Monak, Nico Samaneigo, Eileen Buhlan, Stacy Maple, Beth Hannam, Miriam Batke, Katherine Adams, Ashley Spangler, Andrea Smith, Chris Singerling,
 - b. Absent: Makenna Laser, Sarah Ross, Angie Morelock, Andy Horn, Eric Wobser, Alex McCoy, Paul Lockwood, Marianne Cheatham, Dr. Ram Veerapaneni, and Ed Kurt
- III. Introduction of Visitors: LuAnne Cooke (Lt. Governor's Office), Melissa Blodgett (Firelands Forward), Stacy Hartley (BGSU Firelands), Greg Myers (Gutzweiler Steel), Kyleigh Cross (NEDC)
- IV. Motion to approve meeting minutes from [September 19, 2023 - Annual Meeting](#)
 - a. Motion by: Daryl Deering
 - b. Second by: Nico Samaniego
 - c. Needed changes: none
- V. *Correspondence, Announcements and Information:* Andrea Smith highlighted the following exposure events:
 - a. BAC Townhall Meeting hosted by ODE at Columbus State - July 14, 2023
 - i. Andrea Smith led two breakout sessions on best practices for using data for BAC decision making
 - ii. Sarah Ross (NEDC) and Katherine Adams (OCIC) attended
 - b. NWOHio Tech Prep sponsored a BAC Plan Virtual Q & A Session on September 21, 2023
 - i. Andrea Smith was asked to participate along with Michelle Washington from ODE
 - c. OESCA Fall Conference - September 25, & 26, 2023
 - i. Dr. Jeff Mclellan, Andrea Smith & Ashley Spangler will be presenting a breakout session called "Leveling Up Local Bootcamps: Career Exploration with PortfoliOH"
 - ii. Alissa Fisher will be presenting a breakout session with YEI about the regional Youth Pitch Challenge being hosted by RISE/NPESC.
 - d. A video of 4 Star BAC's including an interview with Sarah Ross & Andrea Smith was shown at the statewide Aim Hire conference in Columbus on Oct. 12, 2023
- VI. Committee Updates (provided by Economic Directors, Business & Education Partners):
 - a. Sandusky County update provided by Beth Hannam
 - i. The Career Manufacturing Showcase was held at Terra on THINK Manufacturing day held on 10/11/23 with 795 in attendance with 11 businesses participating (Amcor,

Autokiniton, BMG (formerly known as Freeman Company), Crown Battery, Green Bay Packaging, Kraft-Heinz, Motion Controls Robotics, Standard Technologies, Style Crest, Uniloy, and Whirlpool)

- ii. Three Student Bootcamps held – Adv. Manufacturing on 10/20/23 with 17 students visited Green Bay Packaging & Motion Controls Robotics; Finance on 10/27/23 with 27 students visited UIS Insurance & Croghan Colonial Bank; and Healthcare on 11/2/23 with 29 students visited Promedia Hospital and Sandusky County Community Health Center.
- iii. Two more Student Boot Camps will be held in February targeting Agriculture and Construction

b. Ottawa County update provided by Katherine Adams

- i. Ottawa Co Career Showcase held on 10/4/23 with 446 students in attendance and 23 businesses participating. Each student got a “passport” based on YouScience Career Clusters to help them match their site visits to their aptitudes and interests.
- ii. Skilled Trades Academy currently has 28 students (twice the number of last year). Recently tests about state average on industry test and group has completed over 300+ hours of job shadow experience.
- iii. STNA Academy has 18 students enrolled and also tested above state average
- iv. A new grant with GLCAP was written to build a Marine Trades Academy. This year 12 students are piloting the credential/certificate program.
- v. A pilot Student Boot Camp with 7th grade students from BCS was held. Students visited companies in the Hospitality and Healthcare industries.

c. Huron County update was provided by Kyleigh Cross

- i. Student Boot Camp focus on Adv Manufacturing was held on 11/2/23 with 37 students visiting Freudenberg and Norwalk Concrete
- ii. More Student Boot Camps being planned for February to focus on Advanced Manufacturing and Computer/IT sectors
- iii. Update on the “Good Jobs Challenge Project” – 2 students have already committed to the program. The grant set a goal of 50 by the end of the summer.
- iv. A team is working on the development of CEO recruitment letters based on the pilot of Willard last year.

d. Erie County update was provided by Melissa Blodgett

- i. Student Boot Camp with focus on Adv Manufacturing was held on 10/27/23 with 34 students. They visited Freudenburg & Norwalk Concrete.
- ii. Additional Boot Camps will be held in February focused on Healthcare and Computer/IT sectors
- iii. The BAC has continued to host monthly meetings at local company sites so educators can get a tour after the meeting and learn more about the industry.
- iv. The committee is trying hard to secure more business partners to become involved.

VII. Old Business for Information - Ashley Spanger highlighted each of the following documents and discussion was held by the committee members about the content in each.

- a. [BAC Annual Plan 2023-24](#) & [BAC Awards Addendum Submission](#) were submitted 9/23/23

- b. BAC Plan: Quarter 1 Update on progress toward goals and strategies
- c. YouScience Implementation: 2023 & 24 data by career cluster

VIII. New Business:

- a. [NPESC Regional Businesses/Student Opportunities Spreadsheet](#) – Ashley Spangler showed a new resource that is being compiled for the career coaches by county
- b. Andrea Smith stated more information will be forthcoming about the number of seats available with Lt. Governor’s funding for Teacher Business Boot Camps in 2024
- c. Video creation to encourage more business involvement in BAC – Angie Morelock is coordinating a team of students from Vanguard to create a video at Motion Controls to highlight the reason businesses should participate in the BAC.

IX. Open Forum/Partner Updates:

- a. Rob Monak and Greg Myers promoted the need to continue to create awareness about the Skilled Trades. They noted how much they appreciated the support of the educators and members of the BAC who are working diligently to provide information to students. The recent “She Dig” event was also highlighted.
- b. Doug Crooks complimented Rob Monak on the video created by Local 55 in which he is a spotlight. It is very well done.
- c. The group discussed the need to identify business sites for the Teacher Business Boot Camps 1.0 & 2.0.
- d. BGSU Firelands will be searching for a new dean
- e. Discussion was held on strategies to remind local school leaders of the commitment to attend every county BAC meeting.

X. Motion to adjourn the meeting

- a. Motion by: Doug Crooks
- b. Second by: Ben Chaffee

XI. Next Meetings:

- a. Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 9:30 AM at NOECA (219 Howard Drive, Sandusky)
- b. Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 9:30 AM at NOECA (219 Howard Drive, Sandusky)