



## Region 1 Works Council

Meeting AGENDA  
August 24, 2015  
8:30 – 10:30 a.m. CT

Center for Workforce Innovations  
2804 Boilermaker Ct.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Kris Emaus, Mike Zimmerman, Deb Howe, Margaret Semmer, Linda Woloshansky, Linda Randolph, Monica Conrad, John Dube, Gary Norgren, Martin Beran

Also present: Todd Hurst, Tatum Miller, Barb Grimsguard, Jennifer Kwiatkowski, Audra Peterson, Charles Huckstep, Jim Stradling, Darryl Allen, Tracey Everett, Kathy Jaworski and Douglasio De Muccio

It was noted that Eddie Melton has resigned and that Margaret Semmer has joined.

II. Approval of 2, May & June 22, 2015 Minutes

Linda Woloshanky moved. Linda Randolph second. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

III. Career Pathways Development Process Matt Fleck

There has been a review of the Career Pathway Development Process. As part of this review, there was a review with Lori Pavell, the principal of Lowell High School of how they did their pathways. It was more intentional pathway with materials. Also, it helps that there is an investigation to careers that students in school say they are interested in. The process includes a comparison of student career interests with employer needs and see where there are matches. Creating working groups look at integrating pathway course and core 40 courses along with Senior cap stone projects.

IV. Review awards and concerns with process.

The Council discussed and reviewed the awards and the concerns with the process with Tatum Miller and Matt Fleck.

V. Innovative Curriculum Grant Updates

Audra Peterson provided an update on the Energy Academy. Mostly of the grant dollars were used for equipment purchases. Purchases assisted with an alternative learning system with computer interface and grid. Also simulators have been ordered. They also reviewed regional, state and national market data when they look into having an approved pathway.

Nathan Origer (works with Pulaski County economic development) explained the stages of their grant. They are preparing to order equipment which needs lead time as well as simulator, similar to those used with IVY Tech. Also, training for the teacher to lead to certification.

Charles Huckstep provided an overview of their grant project. All have received GPS training. Their program is a new course and they are trying to build a new pathway. They are working with local agri-businesses to discover what skills kids need to learn. Much of the skills involved use of GPS and drone technology. Also as part of the course is use of tractors set through the fields for swath wifes – computer driven. This technology assist with reviewing the health of fields and population checks of plants. Date then drives further activities of taking soil samples to fertilize, apply pesticides etc.

VI. Marketing Campaign

The Council discussed need to coordinate with statewide linkage with IACT. Also discussion about where to link folks to.

VII. Update on Fall Tours and Summer Camps

Sandy Alvarez reviewed the status of the camps that were held and the positive attendance.

V. Collaborative Coalition – Next Steps

Linda Woloshansky reviewed the process and the next steps with the facilitator.