

Workforce Development - September 19th 2007

PRESENT: Bobbie Kleffman, Megan Christianson, Paula Frings, Margie Ritter, Sarah Copeland, Connie Swanson, Brad McKay, Doug Learmont, Jim Smokrovich, Kathie Allen, Jim Woehrle, Gwen Grell, Cindy Feyder

STAFF: Kerry Larsen

GUESTS: Rochelle Van Den Heuvel & Dan Adams

Megan Christianson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

AUGUST 2007 MINUTES:

Megan Christianson asked for a motion to approve the August 2007 minutes; Bobbie Kleffman made a motion to approve the August minutes; Connie Swanson seconded; motion carried.

Action: No further action is needed at this time

ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION ACTION TEAM:

Paula informed the committee Jane Bymark will be talking to the committee members about the Entrepreneurial Education Action Team at the October meeting.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

UPDATES ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:

- The committee was updated on the Nursing Assistant Class And Certification Loan Program. The Nursing Assistant Program provides information and training so a student may become employable in a health care facility. The Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation will pay the cost of tuition, fee's, books, and testing to the college up front and then use the installment loans paid the by student to repay the grant.
- An update was given regarding the PACER Workshop for parents and professionals. Bobbie Kleffman gave committee members a handout if anyone was interested. The workshop can help parents make life decisions for their young with disabilities.
- Northern MN Builders Association conducted a survey last year. The results will be revealed on December 13th 2007. Megan Christianson will give more information regarding this labor forum as the time and place is confirmed.
- Workshops for members
- National Work Readiness
- CEO's in schools
- Adult scholarships through AEOA
- Rochelle Van Den Heuvel explained the Applied Learning Initiative. A renewal of secondary career and technical education. The colleges of the Northeast Minnesota Higher Education District and the former MASA 27 & 28 districts formed the Applied Learning Initiative. This collaborative was to renew career and technical education and help with changes in order to prepare students for the workforce in Northeastern Minnesota. This program is to benefit students, build partnerships, team projects, credit based classes, bring new career/technical curricula to schools, funding through legislation, chance to possibly share classrooms, equipment, teachers and much more.
- Project Lead the Way
- Washington DC trip
- 2008 Goals & Missions
- 2008 Chair

- Agenda items for next meeting will consist of: Jane Bymark–Entrepreneurial Education Action Team Update, Workforce Updates, Media Plan, Cylinder Framework, WELD, Washington DC update, 2008 Goals & Missions and 2008 Chair

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be October 17th 2007 @ 12:00 noon, Chamber Conference Room

MEETING ADJOURNED

Submitted by Kerry Larsen, Membership & Tourism Coordinator