

**Region 4 Workforce Board-Youth Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019**

	PY 18					
	7/17/18	9/11/18	11/6/18	1/8/19	3/12/19	5/7/19
Randy Vernon, Chair	X	X	Cancelled	X	X	
Kevin Summers, Vice Chair		X				
Deb Waymire, Secretary	X	X		X	X	
Terri Simons	X	X		X		
Chris Cohee	X	X		X	X	
Steve Snyder	X	X		X	X	
Miranda Hutcheson	X	X		X	X	
Kara Webb	X	X		X	X	

Also in attendance: Mellisa Leaming, Director of Operations and Tina Overley-Hilt, Executive Assistant.

Call to Order:

Attendees were welcomed and the meeting called to order by Chair, Randy Vernon at **9:00 AM** at McCutcheon High School JAG Classroom, Lafayette Indiana. A quorum of the membership was present to conduct business of the committee. Committee members and JAG students introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2019

Meeting minutes from January 8, 2019 were approved as presented.

Motion to approve: Steve Snyder

Second: Deb Waymire

Approved: unanimously

New Business:

Youth Summit Update

Two Youth Summits are scheduled this year, one on April 4th at Lafayette Jeff H.S. and another on April 11th at Maconaquah High School. Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories is a title sponsor donating \$2000 for the Greater Lafayette Youth Summits along with other employers, trades, and post-secondary schools. The employer panels will feature supervisors and trainees talking about starting a new job, the expectations, and the challenges. The event is for juniors and seniors interested in advanced manufacturing and the trades or undecided on their career pathway. Over 140 students are registered for the Greater Lafayette Youth Summit.

WHIN Proposal Progress

Kara Webb shared about the WHIN Cultivation Fund Opportunity Grant proposal for advancing manufacturing competitiveness and ecosystem. The funds will support activities such as Manufacturing Week, Coder DoJos, Design & Make School Laboratories and Robotics in Manufacturing Camps hosted throughout the region as a workforce collaborative group.

Another opportunity this summer is the Tippecanoe Building Trades all day hands on instruction summer camp on Tuesdays starting June 4th until July 9th. It is for juniors and seniors in high school.

Greater Lafayette Commerce in conjunction with area high schools will be hosting a Career Signing Day for students who are going right into a career or apprenticeship after graduation. The Career Signing Day will be held on Thursday, May 16 at 6:30pm. Students will celebrate their success. The celebration will include the employer, signing, picture opportunity, family.

JAG Career Development Conference (CDC)

The Region 4 JAG CDC was held on Friday, March 1, 2019 at Ivy Tech in Lafayette and was very successful. Logansport High School and Peru High School were unable to attend the CDC due to school cancellation for inclement weather. They were unable to compete in Career Presentation, Critical Thinking, Employability Skills and Creative Solutions.

LeKeersh Storm-Justice from McCutcheon will compete in Critical Thinking at the State CDC competition on Friday, March 15, 2019. The following students advanced to the State CDC competition to be held March 15, 2019

2019 State CDC Competitors

Nicole Searcy-Twin Lakes—Career Presentation
Vincent Serio, Jr.-Kokomo—Creative Solutions
LeKeersh Storm-Justice-McCutcheon —Critical Thinking
Mikala Tesky-Twin Lakes—Employability Skills
Elizabeth Topp-Twin Lakes—Financial Literacy
Alaina Hostetler-Twin Lakes—Public Speaking
Tabitha McKinniss-North Montgomery—Writing Skills
Grace Dodson-Twin Lakes—Outstanding Senior

2019-2020 Youth Committee Meeting Schedule

The committee reviewed and discussed the proposed PY 19 meeting schedule. It was recommend to continue to meet every other month on Tuesday. It was recommended the Youth Committee hold the July 9, 2019 meeting at the last Tippecanoe Building Trades Summer Camp session. Meeting invites will be sent out to the committee members.

JAG – McCutcheon High School JAG Students

The committee opened the floor to the JAG students to share their experiences in the JAG program and their interest in manufacturing or non-interest. The students agree that the JAG program is a beneficial program. The committee shared opportunities

Why join JAG:

- Help discover what wanted to do in the future
- Help prepare for college
- Learn about career opportunities and scholarship available

Benefits of JAG:

- Support and guidance of JAG Specialist, Miss Rummel
- Meet new people from different schools and backgrounds
- Opened eyes to real world
- Help students gain leadership and communication skills
- Help prepare resume and look for jobs
- Prepares students for life-basic necessities of as an adult

Thoughts about advanced manufacturing and trades

- Not sure what advanced manufacturing encompasses
- Have image from parents, family & friends of a job in manufacturing that is not necessarily advanced manufacturing
- Not their passion to pursue as a career

The committee shared opportunities with manufacturer such as work and learn programs, internships and work experiences plus tuition assistance and reimbursement. There are options for advancement in the field of manufacturing through career ladders. There are a lot of different careers in manufacturing and it a wealth driver in our region. It is important that you do work that you love to do.

JAG students provided feedback on the JAG CDC

- Enjoyed the event and activities
- The schedule of activities was good
- Like meeting JAG students from the other schools
- Not very many vendors – there were fewer due to date change
- Seemed rushed – activities were compressed because of school delays
- Select a different setting/room type for the Public Speaking competition
- The interview process for outstanding senior was relaxed and stress free
- Students enjoyed the hands-on leadership activity

The committee thanked McCutcheon JAG students for their feedback.

Old Business

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Steve Snyder

Second: Deb Waymire

Approved: unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Overley-Hilt

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Location – Lafayette – TAP office