

Twinsburg City School District
Business Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting
Tuesday, September 24, 2024
Kent State University Geauga and Twinsburg Academic Center ~ 8:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Beth Egan (TCSD BOE), Rhonda Crawford (TCSD BOE), Kathi Powers (Superintendent TCSD), Alex Popovich (Curriculum Supervisor TCSD), Toni Cluse (CVCC Career Specialist TCSD), Emily Hunt (Twinsburg High School Principal), Matt Strickland (TCSD Business Manager), Michael Sedlak (TCSD Director of Human Resources), Todd Courtney (Crown Composites), Michelle Willmott (VMS), Matt Cellura (M & G Pools), Jennifer Goings Smith (Retired - Eaton Corporation), Becki Gierman (KSU TAC), Allyson Tonozzi (Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce)

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

Minutes from the April 30, 2024 meeting were approved.

Update from Board Members - Beth Egan and Rhonda Crawford:

- CVCC College Night will be held on October 2, 2024

Tiger Legacy Project Update- Kathi Powers, Matt Strickland & Michael Sedlak:

- Presented information about the *Tiger Legacy Project*

Career Readiness – Alex Popovich and Toni Cluse

- Toni and Alex shared an update about the *Connections* course at Twinsburg High School
- Ohio Means Jobs, Job Readiness Seal - credit for this seal can be aligned to the *Connections* course
- Current enrollment in the *Connections* course is 40 students
- Students need three (3) sponsors to be eligible for the Job Readiness Seal
- Pre-apprenticeship status in the areas of IT, Hospitality, Insurance or Banking would be eligible for the Greater Cleveland Partnership Pre-Apprenticeship status
- Looking for assistance for career initiatives, particularly in the fields of student interest. Marketing and Graphic Design as well as Business are areas of interest for our students
- *Connections* students need 160 hours to qualify for the Job Readiness Seal
- Many seniors align their *Connections* experiences with the Senior Experience in the Spring
- Career planning is occurring now in collaboration between Alex and Toni and our school administrators
- Writing for Civic Engagement is new this year. Teacher is Maggie Chernick. Write My Life Book - students create a “life book” about senior citizens. Canterbury Senior Center

will be the facility partner for this initiative.

- Health Careers Pilot Program through ESC of NEO is being explored by Alex
- Toni spoke about Career Aptitude Surveys and the connection to career paths. More info to follow
- Young Entrepreneurs Group facilitated Dr. Celena Roebuck – Alex and Toni will provide an update as to how this group may align with the focus of the Business Advisory Council
- Alex shared information about the Ohio Pitch Challenge - video Shark Tank idea - Categories - K-4, 5-8, 9-12. He will provide an update in November
- CVCC College Night is scheduled for October 2nd at CVCC. Toni shared that additional CVCC activities are being planned
- Toni shared that career-focused Experiential Learning through hands-on kits is a new initiative. The hands-on kits were developed last summer. Kits will be available for classroom teachers to check out for classroom use
- It was shared that the career options available through the VR (Virtual Reality) goggles was recently doubled
- Career Passports have been introduced. Students receive a sticker for each career activity they participate in
- Toni shared that the Holland Codes Survey is in the process of being administered George G. Dodge Intermediate School

Save the Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 “E”xploration Fair at THS

❖ Proposed next meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 @ 8:00 a.m. - Twinsburg Public Library

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Meeting Minutes were approved on November 19, 2024