

Youth Committee Meeting
January 25, 2024

In Person

Ben Beckwith
Alice Bunjan
Chris Casey
Dr. Val Harris
Matt Jones
Chuck McEvers
Marsha Mueller
Betty Scheldt

On-Line

Dirk Muffler
Jennifer Russell

Chair Chuck McEvers called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Roll call was done by self-introductions.

Chuck asked if there were any comments or corrections on the meeting minutes from the November 15, 2023 Youth Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Val Harris and seconded by Jennifer Russell to approve the minutes as presented. All votes aye. **Motion Carried.**

Recruitment

Next on the agenda is the recruitment of new members to the Youth Committee. Matt would like to get a business member from the WDB to serve on the committee. Matt explained that it doesn't need to be a board member, any business person could be placed on the committee.

Youth Program and Budget Review

Ben reported on the Youth Budget. The 80% obligation for the youth portion is at 77% as the budget currently stands. We're about \$10,000 away without including Chuck's program. Including the program, we should make the 80%. This current year there is a waiver in place to keep minimum Out-of-School enrollment at 50%, normally it has been 75%.

Previous Discussions

Possible Projects:

The Child Care Program in Greene County has no new updates. The Superintendent just returned and has been too busy to discuss the project.

Matt stated Bunker Hill High School has construction trades projects doing odd jobs, etc. around the community like repairing ramps for residents with disabilities. He spoke with DCEO about the issue of doing construction work on private property. They reported back that in the federal regulations, they take issue with the fact that it is original construction. Chuck's program at North Greene H.S. is repair and maintenance. Matt said it meant construction across the board.

The feds to not want anything to do with construction at all. There will need to be more discussion with DCEO regarding the matter for more clarification.

Takeaways and Next Steps

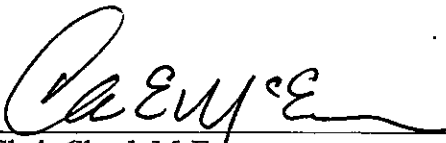
The committee will continue to discuss with DCEO the Paid Work Experience Construction Trades Projects.

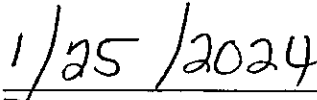
Jennifer Russell – A group of guidance counselors and teachers at the high school in Jerseyville are wanting to do a Career Fair in October. It won't be a standard Career Fair in that they want to survey the students and get the top three career clusters and break the career clusters down to have panel discussions. The students will then walk around to the different panels and ask questions. She also spoke of the PACE Framework, which is a career readiness program. One semester will be the career readiness and the next semester they will have driver's education.

Chuck mentioned having a hiring fair before the students graduate from high school.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.


Chair Chuck McEvers


Date