



Spokane Area WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 5, 2008 - 8:00 AM
Spokane Skills Center
4141 N Regal

Members in Attendance:

Andrew Arganbright-Kemper
Auto & Home

Donna Dalzell-DVR

Laura Foust-Job Corps

Kathleen Grier-Juvenile
Court

Mike Senske-Pearson
Packaging System

Bonnie Wagner-WSU
Health Education Center

Members Absent:

Gary Allen-Spokane Skills
Center

Christy Doyle-SCC

Jeff Duncan-SRO

Robert Duron-Coffee
Systems Inc

Steve Jurich-YMCA David
Sullivan-Habitat for Humanity

Craig Lee-Coffman
Engineers

Kevin Managhan-Inland
Empire Electrical Training
Trust

Tina Morrison – American
Federation of Musicians
#105

John Serben-
American Medical Response

David Sullivan-Habitat for
Humanity

Lisa White-Spokane Public
Schools

Others Present:

Kathy Atha-WS

Linda Duncan-Purcell
Systems

Trudie Duxbury-ESD101

Linda Evans-WS

Anne Millane-WS

Angelique Signorelli-
ESD101

Trina Scott-WS

Patrick Link-SFCC

Sean Pelfrey-WS

Essie Crowder-WS

Jacob Craft-WS

Bent Stuckart-
Communities in Schools

Laurel Kelly-VOA

Staff Present:

Dawn Karber - Youth Program and
Development Manager

Anne Lockwood – Secretary

Justin Davis-Intern

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 am. Introductions were made.

DISCUSSION ON VOTING MEMBERS MEETING:

People who have been coming to the Youth Council Meetings know that we are working to realign Youth Council processes and procedures. One of the items being updated is the voting members of the Youth Council. We don't want to interfere with the flow of the Youth Council Meetings so it was decided that the voting members of the Youth Council will arrive at 8:15 am to vote on items that need to be approved.

We will be sure to send out a reminder when we send out the March 4, 2008 Youth Council Agenda.

ITEM #1 – REVIEW OF YOUTH COUNCIL RETREAT:

- a) Retreat Debrief – Most of the Youth Council were at the Retreat. A lot of items were completed. It was a good Retreat. We went through the process of creating a vision, a mission, and goals.
- b) Revisit Mission, Vision and Goals – Our Vision Statement is:
Spokane is a community that strives to provide youth with opportunities to reach their potential and succeed as leaders by recognizing that each youth has value

We had decided at the Retreat to tweak the Vision statement a little more during our Youth Council meetings. The Vision statement will go out via e-mail for everyone to comment and send back to Dawn. Once the tweaking has been completed the voting members of the Youth Council will vote on the Vision statement.

PRESENTATION BY JUSTIN DAVIS ON THE NGZ WEBSITE:

The Next Generation Zone was created July 2007 and we needed a website to service the Next Generation Zone. The preface of the website was youth needing to be informed about career paths, driver's license and services at the Next Generation Zone.

We were looking to create a flashy and interactive website for youth. Research was done on what would attract youth to a website. The goal of the website is to be fresh and updated so we can make the Next Generation Zone more humanized.

There is a little ticker to give updates on events happening. There are photos to show what the Next Generation Zone looks like and bios of the counselors at the Next Generation Zone. There is a News page that will need to be updated all the time. Right now the radio adds airs on the news page. We can put in new information as things arise, such as career event job fairs, etc. Send an e-mail to Dawn with the specific information for the event so we can get the information on the website.

The Youth Council members requested we bring a big bunch of cards with the website address on it for handing out at meetings. The members would like the cards at the March 4, 2008 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Last meeting the Youth Council went over the By Laws, it was announced that a Co-Chair was needed and there were no volunteers. Linda Duncan volunteered to be Co-Chair when she has been approved to be a voting member of the Youth Council.
- b) Dawn will send out the Youth Council voting members applications again. We are unable to allow voting members of the Youth Council to be from an organization we are supplying funds too.
- c) Essie Crowder introduced the Youth Council to the Disability Program Navigator Project. The project started with the New Freedom Act in 2001. The goal is to provide seamless, integrated, and comprehensive services at the One-Stop.

This project is funded yearly and we are lucky to have Vista is providing extra funding this year. Essie is trained to work with people in poverty, provide outreach and referral for people, and help employers to bridge the gap to employ people with disabilities.

Training is available for educating the counselors on the services provided by the project. There is a disability access team available as well. Contact Essie at ecrwoder@esd.wa.gov, 532-3074 for any assistance you might require.

- d) The Apprenticeship Construction Job Fair is listed on www.workspokane.org. Kathy Atha will send the flyer to Dawn for distribution to the Youth Council Members and the Youth Council Audience. The fair will have construction companies to hire and interview. The fair will last 2 hours and starts at 2 pm on Friday, February 15th.

Justin is going to put the www.workspokane.org link on the Next Generation Zone website.

- e) Ben Stuckart will be presenting to the Youth Council next month. Ben is from Communities in Schools.

COMMITTEE WORK:

- a) Internship Committee – Trying to figure out the best way to link youth to business has been difficult. During the first meeting it was realized this subject is a larger beast than was originally thought. It is recognized that the idea of youth getting exposed to business needs to start when they are young. A middle school age student, a high school age student, a student just out of high school and people from businesses are needed for this Committee.
- c) Next Generation Zone Oversight Committee – The committee has not met since the Retreat. Getting to know more about the Next Generation Zone has sharpened focus for the Committee and will help to clarify what role the Committee will play.

The Next Generation Zone Oversight Committee is just voting members of the Youth Council only.

- d) Quality Career Events Committee – Youth need to learn about the options available to them in the workforce development system. The Committee is examining the current year events in the community so they are able to plan for next year. The hope is to allow the Committee to eventually fill the gaps in the career events already being provided.

- e) Youth Focused Series Committee – The Committee wants to approach youth for data about the kind of information the youth need. Crosswalk is the only one who returned the list of questions to ask youth to Sean. Crosswalk is a good group for the Committee to get in touch with what is happening. The Committee is meeting today to go over the information Crosswalk sent Sean.

There is no Youth Council Meeting in April so it will be open for the Committees to meet.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

NEXT MEETING:

The Youth Council will be meeting March 4, 2008, from 8:15 am 10:00 am, at the Skills Center, 4141 N Regal.