

**DRAFT Summary Notes**

Present: Peter Boldt-Wayne Finger lakes BOCES, Jeff Dillon-Coordinator, Monroe County School Business Partnership, Jeanine Gallina-Monroe 2 BOCES, Dan Gersbach-GW Lisk Co., Eileen Rucinski-Kelly Services, Charlie Schaufelberger-Unique Automotive LLC and Karen Springmeier-Finger Lakes WIB/FAME

Invited but not able to attend: Mike Mandina-Optimax, Eve Hens-Genesee County BEA, Linda LeBlond-Wyoming County Business Education Alliance(BEA), Carrie Malone-Livingston County BEA, Bob Mattick-Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES, Kathleen Raniewicz-RACEC, and Ann Smith-Wayne Finger Lakes School Business Partnership.

Opening/Introductions

A good deal of time was spent at this meeting having each person present share their backgrounds with the group as well as their interest in the importance of developing a pipeline for young people to learn more about advanced manufacturing in our region.

FAME Overview

Karen Springmeier from the FL WIB gave a brief background of the history of FAME and how the organization has been extended in the GLOW and Monroe regions as a result of the WIRED initiative. FAME was formed in 2008 and is in the process of building membership throughout the nine county region.

FAME Pipeline Committee

Charlie Schaufelberger next reviewed the Pipeline Committees strategic plan as outlined on the documents dated April, 2009. Three main thrusts developed for the committee are:

- 1) Outreach activities with regional education providers targeting middle and high school students.
- 2) Outreach and tour offerings with BOCES.
- 3) Have internship offerings across member companies

The pipeline committee has accomplished much, however, it has mostly been in the Finger Lakes area since that is where most of the current membership and activity through FAME exists.

Current Opportunities

Jeff Dillon shared information on the Workforce Innovations Conference that his service, the Monroe County School Business Partnership, coordinates with its member districts at RIT. 2011 will be the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the conference and it is targeted for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students to gain exposure to career fields identified by WIRED to be growing in our region; optics, biotech, IT, agribusiness, alternative energy, and micro electronics.

Jeff also shared an initiative that he began originally in cooperation with Leslie Bamann from WIRED; Company Tour Day. For the past two years Jeff has offered student tours at Westside manufacturing companies. This event was modeled after one that was organized in the past by RTMA. 32 students participated in 2009 and 40 in 2010. In 2010 MCC partnered to add its Applied Tech Center as the third stop on the tour.

#### Future Plans

The challenge of making the Pipeline Committee a regional effort boils down to answering a couple of key questions:

- 1) How can we get the right people involved that will share some of the time to make this effort work in our region? We discussed the importance of keeping business involved in the leadership of this initiative and perhaps identifying and recruiting both business and educational champions in each county of our region.
- 2) Since the region is geographically large and diverse; how can this effort be managed to combine, coordinate and collaborate for all involved so that everyone feels they are getting something positive from it?

Charlie indicated that he is no longer able to chair the Pipeline Committee due to the time he needs to put into his business. Both Charlie and Dan Gershbach as business people, committed to continue Pipeline efforts in their area and cooperate with this effort.

Jeff Dillon and Eileen Rucinski have been asked to co chair this group. Jeff expressed that his efforts must focus on services to his member districts in Monroe County.

Eileen agreed to follow up with Jeff to discuss next steps for the committee.

Respectfully Submitted

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