

**Greene County**

**Business Advisory Council (B.A.C.)**

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

*9:00 AM - 10:30 AM*

*Minutes are in red*



***Greene County BAC Mission Statement:*** *The Greene County Business Advisory Council, in partnership with Greene County schools and businesses, will assist in the assessment of workforce needs and employability skills for student success in the regional economy.*

***Co-chairs:*** *Ms. Kim Watkins, Instructional Support Coordinator & Adolescent Literacy Specialist, and Dr. Amy Baldridge, Director of Alternative Programs & Instructional Support Services.*

***GCESC Superintendent:*** *Ms. Terry Graves-Strieter*

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Agenda Organization** - Categories of Focus that Support the Larger Community, Businesses, Schools, and Youth in Greene County - 4 Pieces Working in Unison to Support the BAC Mission
	* 1. PreK-12
		2. Post-Secondary
		3. Workforce
		4. \*Community Resources & Support

*Four puzzle pieces make up the framework of the BAC mission. Each agenda item states which piece of the puzzle we are addressing.*

1. **PreK-12, Post-Secondary, Workforce:** Ms. Mandy Taylor, Fairborn High School, *DoD STEM Ambassador - Dayton Region*

 *Dayton is the 3rd hub for the DoD STEM Ambassador program*

 *Partnered with Sinclair College and Central State University*

*Goal: Creating a sustainable program through accessing local resources and building strong relationships*

*STEM student challenges - low/little previous exposure to STEM careers, low/little opportunity for after school programing, transportation, finances, first generation HS/college*

*Asking for help - partnerships and experiences for students - field trips, guest speakers, mentorships, internships*

*Questions:*

*Partnerships in just Greene County or looking elsewhere? - willing to move outside of Greene County (transportation and timing may be a concern)*

*How many STEM ambassadors? - 22 in third year cohort, 2 in this area this year*

*CTC students or traditional? - right now focus is on traditional*

1. **PreK-12, Community Resources & Support**: Mr. Ed Marrinan, Greene County Community Foundation - *Introduction of new Independent Representative, and review of Greene County Community Foundation efforts*

 *Work with local colleges to be an independent representative*

 *Duties: materials, facilitation and components, data*

 *New Independent Representative: Maxwell Bilt from Wright State*

 *Working with smaller scholarships that have popped up*

 *Working on helping with covering extracurricular activity fees*

1. **PreK-12, Community Resources and Support:** Mrs. Lillian McCree - Family & Community Partnership Liaison, GCESC *- Updates and overviews of local initiatives and impact*

 *Lillian’s focus is kinship care where other relatives are taking care of children*

*She is working on an app for families with children, ages 0-8, using direct weekly texts to share agency resources*

1. **PreK-12 & Workforce**: Dr. Amy Baldridge - Director of Alternative Programs & Instructional Support Services - *Pathful Explore* - *Update on Current Efforts in Greene Co.*

 *Virtualjobshadow.com - is now “Pathful Explore”*

 *Allows you to add your own local videos and local information*

*Grant-funded – seats purchased for two grades/two years (targeted at middle school and Beavercreek Freshmen)*

 *Kraig Aukerman is the coordinator of this program*

*Currently, approx. 1161 Greene County students enrolled/active*

1. **PreK-12 Literacy Initiative:**  Mrs. Nicole Ferguson - Instructional Support Coordinator & Elementary Literacy Specialist - *Overview of Literacy Initiatives/Dyslexia law and update on Current Efforts in Greene Co.*

 *See* [*handout*](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1b8TG_1pWR7WG4_m6Pcw3IksX4o0vgcDzdfdqMkn2-Ts/edit?usp=sharing) *for more information. Please reach out to Dr. Baldridge if interested in support*

*Nicole Ferguson and Kim Watkins can offer grant-funded support*

1. **Follow-Up - PreK - 12, Community Resources & Support:** Ms. Terry Graves-Strieter, Greene County ESC Superintendent - *National Unplug Day*

 *Disconnect2Connect – 6-part series*

 *National Unplug Day - Friday, March 3, 2023*

* *Stay off screens as much as possible*
* *GCESC will provide resources/activities to do instead of technology*
* *Reminders and tips will be coming*
1. **Follow-Up - Pre-K, Post-Secondary, & Workforce:** Dr. Amy Baldridge - Director of Alternative Programs & Instructional Support Services -
	1. *Student Internship Project/Job Shadowing Experience Subcommittee.*

 ***\*All Interested BAC members should contact Amy by phone or email by Friday, 12/16/2022***

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 *SOCHE—Dr. Cassie Barlow, President, non-profit consortium of universities around Ohio - primary work outside of PD in post-secondary is on student internship opportunities – SOCHE just received a grant to fully fund high school student internships and other grants 50% of funding – SOCHE developed “one-stop-shop” on website to learn about workforce development; businesses can engage in career fairs, mentoring, internships, job shadowing, etc. - SOCHE has a series of webinars of interviews of workers in a variety of fields.*

*\*GCESC BAC will partner w/ SOCHE to channel our internship efforts*

*Other:*

* *One Bistro & Coffee Hub in Xenia - help support adults with dev. disabilities*
* *Adult Day program - indoor plant garden help support restaurant*

**2022 – 2023 BAC Scheduled Meetings:**

**October 5, 2022**

**December 7, 2022**

**February 8, 2023**

**June 15, 2023**

**Thank You for Your Time and Contributions to this Council!**