



Greene County Business Advisory Council (B.A.C.)

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

(General Summary in BROWN.)



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: *Dr. Amy Baldrige, GCESC Director of Alternative Programs & Instructional Support Services; and **New BAC Co-chairperson**, Mr. Chad Mason, Superintendent of Cedar Cliff Local School District, and **New GCESC Career Connections Coordinator***

GCESC Superintendent: *Mrs. Terry Graves-Strieter*

1. **Welcome & Introductions - Around the Room**

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

- i. PreK-12
- ii. Post-Secondary
- iii. Workforce
- iv. *Community Resources & Support

- *Each component piece makes up the puzzle of BAC - agenda is organized by each area of the BAC Mission*

3. **PreK-12, Workforce:** *Mrs. Terry Graves-Strieter, Greene County Educational Service Center Superintendent; Overview of the New GCESC Workforce Development Position. Introduction of Chad Mason, New BAC Co-chair, and GCESC Career Connections Coordinator*

- *3 -Year plan shared for the new Career Connections Coordinator Program--Chad Mason will begin in the position in January 2024*

- *More support to students who “fall through the cracks at the high school level” (students unsure about career options, no plans for college, and need more guidance)*
- *Global to start - Build framework this year, working in partnership with district, support school counselors as additional resource*
- *First year covered by GCESC grant; Second/third years- a district will support the cost. ESC plans to expand to other districts who want the service.*

4. **Post-Secondary, Workforce:** Mr. Mark Schlater, CEO of Toward Independence; *Overview of Accomplishments and Current Initiatives. Introduction of Mr. Joe Harmon and Updates re: His New Role at T.I. and the Greene County BAC*

- *Toward Independence-- in existence since mid-1970s*
- *Provides services for individuals with intellectual disabilities in multiple counties*
- *24-hour supervision, group home placements, residential care and adult day programs, vehicles in every group home (over 60 homes), job placement, career planning*
- *Non-Medical Transportation Services for adult day programs*
- *Want to do more with connecting to local schools in their respective transition programs*
- *Home and community-based waiver program*
- *Summer programming available*
- *Xenia - One Bistro partnership, Focus on: socialization, skill learning, etc.*
- *Mark Schlater--retiring December 2023. Joe Harmon will take his place.*
- *Intend to keep growing partnerships w/ local businesses – ie janitorial services, etc.*

5. **PreK-12, Workforce:** Dr. Amy Baldrige - Director of Alternative Programs & Instructional Support Services; *Strategic Ohio Council of Higher Education (SOCHE) Internship and Summer Projects. Introduction of Our GCESC SOCHE Intern, Ms. Rose Davis. Rose will Share Highlights of the Fairborn HS “Unity through STEAM” First Annual Career & Workforce Dev Event.*

- *Will highlight one “big scale” project completed w/ support from SOCHE intern at each BAC meeting this year*
- *Intern Rose Davis-- hired by GCESC through SOCHE internship program (May 2023- October 2023) Rose is now a student at UD majoring in Communication & Media Production & Environmental Biology*
- *Work included- Leadership Chats; Pre-Production work w/ Pathful Explore Production Team; Business/ Industry Partners on-site interviews: Francis Kennels, Xenia; Morris Bean & Co, Yellow Springs; NAMRU Dayton, WPAFB, Beavercreek), Fairborn HS STEAM Day filming/learning*

- *Pathful Explore - Production team was very helpful and offered valuable direct feedback on editing and formatting for local clips; offered guidance on video angles, maximizing sound/video quality, and transitions.*
- *Video clips will be uploaded to Pathful Explore website on Local Landing Page for all districts to view through Pathful Explore platform access.*

6. **PreK-12, Post-Secondary, & Workforce:** Mr. Waylon Stegall - Principal of Fairborn High School; *Overview of the Efforts to Expand the Emphasis of the Fairborn HS Unity Day to Promote a Stronger Workforce Development Focus for All Students.*

- *GCESC Partnership – Gratitude expressed regarding Pathful Explore seats, along with Reading Interventions & Instructional coaching help from GCESC support team.*
- *Origin of the Unity Day Event; desire to expand on focus of elevating stronger knowledge around current workforce needs*
 - *Student Experience/Engagement was greatly increased this year.*
 - *STEAM - “Strategies That Engage All Minds” - Focus on including ALL teaching staff*
 - *In addition to the time spend with career/college fair, students could participate in a service project (with Crayons to Classrooms) and Traditional Unity Day Activities*
 - *Helpful feedback - Survey data revealed many positive responses*
- *Partnerships with local businesses, colleges, military, and many sponsors – scholarship, job, and internship opportunities*
- *Strong engagement from students; Fairborn HS used Pathful Explore career assessment inventories as a guide to direct students as to where to go/who to talk to for Unity Day, based on their individual results.*
- *Fairborn HS next steps*
 - *Winter/Spring Community Career Fair Event (Feb. timeframe)*
 - *AP Fair (Jan.)*
 - *Additional structuring with Pathful Explore student seats*
 - *Teacher support for upcoming events, equipment sharing, speakers, etc.*
 - *Creation of formal STEAM/Career Committee*

7. **PreK-12, Post-Secondary, & Workforce:** Mrs. Mandy Taylor - Fairborn High School AP Environmental Science instructor & DoD STEM Ambassador; *Updates on Working with Admin & Teacher Teams to Strengthen Student Career & College Awareness at Fairborn HS.*

- *See #6*

8. **PreK-12:** Dr. Amy Baldrige - Director of Instructional Support Services; *Overview of Reading Eggs Technology Platform (Extended Learning/ESSER) & Development of the Greene Co.*

Elementary Literacy Cohort; Mrs. Nicole Ferguson & Ms. Kim Watkins - GCESC Curriculum Coordinators & Elementary and Secondary Literacy Specialists; Literacy Updates & Overview of School-Based Initiatives Occurring in Greene County, 2023 - 24

- *Instructional Support Services Padlet of Resources; links to ISS department efforts in Greene County, newsletter, upcoming trainings: <https://padlet.com/nferguson33/greene-county-esc-literacy-resources-rbu9ezrsc3b2ibzx>*

9. **PreK - 12, Community Resources & Support:** Mrs. Terry Graves-Strieter, Greene County ESC Superintendent - *Disconnect2Connect Update & Overview of the Plans for 23-24 School Year*

- *National Unplug Day—March 2024- Ideas to include student voices through Student Council or other groups. Informational details pushed out in November 2023*
- *Childhood 2.0— Community showing of documentary in spring 2023; possible alignment with PTA/PTOs to have documentary viewed in districts*

Around the Room:

- ***“It is not instead of - it is in addition to”*** - A. Baldrige’s reference to GCESC & BAC - *increased educational focus & support of career/college/workforce development in Greene.*
 - *Greene Co Career Center (GCCC) shared they had many student applications this year and were unable to accept approx. 150 requests.*
 - *GCCC has a variety of business & resources available to share with local districts/guidance counselors as they expand their efforts in this domain*
 - *Chad Mason will be working with Amy Baldrige through the BAC to help expand that reach into local schools*
- *New Fairborn High School (construction) is on target to be completed in August of 2024!*
- *United Way - new partnership with Job & Family Services & Clothes that Work to bring to Greene County*
- *Greene County Community Foundation –has small grants available -see Ed Marrinan*
- *QQE – Welcome Iveetzia Avilez-Rodriguez to our BAC! QQE is new to Greene County; she will be working to establish additional connections*

2023 – 2024 BAC Scheduled Meetings:

October 11, 2023

December 6, 2023

February 7, 2024

April 3, 2024

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