



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

General Summary

Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM



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.*

GCESC Superintendent: *Mrs. Terry Graves-Strieter*

*Supt. Graves-Strieter welcomed everyone and thanked them for serving on the BAC. She emphasized how far we have come as a BAC and highlighted the good work occurring as a result of the group. She also shared about the book, *The Anxious Generation*, and that the GCESC Leadership team and others in the county are reading this important book.*

BAC Chairs: *Dr. Amy Baldrige, GCESC Director of Instructional Support Services & Alternative Education; and Mr. Chad Mason, GCESC Career Connections Coordinator*

1. **Welcome & Introductions - Around the Room/Updates.** *Attendees—see sign-in sheet.*
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, Agencies, & Support

Dr. Baldrige gave overview of the four puzzle pieces that our BAC addresses.
3. **PreK-12, Workforce:** *Ms. Brenda Sandman-Stover, 4-H Youth Development, OSU Extension, Greene County; Overview of Available Programs, Including Real Money/Real World - School-Based Program Cultivating Life Skills through Instructional Lessons and a Culminating*

Simulation Exercise.

Ms. Brenda Sandman-Slover gave a presentation where she shared all of the programs and activities that 4-H and the OSU Extension organizations can bring into schools. Chick Embryology, Real Money/Real World, STEM activities, and the Mike Rowe Works were all highlighted.

4. **Pre-K, Post-Secondary, Workforce:** Dr. Amy Baldrige, Overview of New Statutory Requirement, ORC 3302.03, Inserting BACs into the Local High School's Approval Process for the Work-Based Learning Submissions. Quick Overview of Collaboration Efforts - More to Come...

Dr. Baldrige shared that there is a new requirement regarding work-based learning and the role of BACs. She and Josh Baker (BVK) are going to be involved in a state committee on this matter and they will share more information at our next BAC meeting.

Discussion on the ODEW STARS for BACs was discussed with the pros and cons of submitting to this. More discussion will likely take place at the next BAC meeting.

5. **PreK-12, Workforce:** Dr. Jeff McClellan; Founder of StartSOLE Technology Company, and Creator of the PortfoliOH Technology Platform that Supports Both Schools and Businesses by Streamlining the Documentation of HS Students' Work-Based Learning Experiences.

Dr. Jeff McClellan gave an overview of the platform and how it works. He showed how it can align to the career work being done in schools/workplace to organize massive data related to maintaining and organizing career-related content, including seals/industry credentials in a one-stop platform. The program is free – due to funding from several sources, including: the Jacobs Foundation, various business partners, and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW). The SOCHE connection was discussed and how that could be helpful with that organization and the work across the region with paid HS internships. Dr. Jeff's email is: jeff@startsole.org

2024 – 2025 BAC Scheduled Meetings:

October 9, 2024

December 4, 2024

February 5, 2025

April 2, 2025

Thank You for Your Time and Contributions to this Council

