



Career and College Readiness Council
Human and Public Services Academy
Tuesday, March 11, 2014
7:30-8:30 a.m.

Present:

Sam Schmitz, Chair, Goodwill
Gina Caronna, RPS205
David Carson, RPS205
Mary Karull, RPS 205
Wendy Vaughn, NIU College of Law
Kim Maville, Illinois CSI
Donnette Nailor, Illinois CSI
Lore Sweeney, Rockford Police
Jessie Piske, Youth Services Network
Lyn Toohill, Rockford Park District
L.C. Wilson, Winnebago County Board
Sheila Schmitt, Scribe
Sarah Parker-Scanlon, Shelter Care Ministries

Absent:

Ariana Newton, Freeport High School
Rob Bauer, Rockford Renewable Energy
Derek Bergsten, Rockford Fire Department
Susan Busenbark, Rock Valley College
Matthew Johnson-Doyle, Unitarian Universalist Church
Mary Ellen Commare, Youth Services Network
Lisa LaSala, American Red Cross
Susan Leahy, Rockford College
Heather Ayers, United Way
Louissett Ness, Shelter Care Ministries
John Phelps, Rockford Local Development Corp.
Tom Pratt, Swedish American Health System
Michael Schnaper, Rockford Fire Dept.
Andrea Tack, Winnebago County Jail
Julia Valdez, City of Rockford
Tiffany Weatherly, RPS205
Kevin West, Rock Valley College
Eddie Whittington, Rock Valley College
LuAnn Widergren
Chad Moe, Rockford Fire Department
Jason Gorham, Rosecrance
Janet Holmgren, 17th Circuit Court
Matthew Knott, Rockford Fire Department
Katie Wishowski, RPS205
Karen Hoffman, Retired IL DHS
Jim Ryan, City of Rockford
Chad Moe, Rockford Fire Department
Peggy Potthoff, IL CSI
Becky Lambert, Rockford Park District

1. Call to order: 7:38 a.m.
Welcome and Introductions

2. Update from ASTs
It is time for students to choose academies and also for those wanting to change their academy. The process for changing their academy has several steps. Written reason as to why they would like to change, show parent permission, talk to the counselor, and talk to the Academy Principal, and talk to School Principal. There were only 4 students that completed the application to change. Crime Scene Investigation class will be added through UW Platteville. Eighty-seven students registered for this class.

3. Update on Youth Court
a. Intergovernmental agreement was approved!
b. Breakfast is on RPS 205
c. Communications plan
We are here to celebrate a HUGE Accomplishment!

Thanks to everyone who has been involved. Recognitions were made of several people and the part they played in getting Youth Court started and approved.

Youth Court has shown what can happen when we work together (city/county/district).

Dr. Jarrett wanted to say “Thank You” to Wendy for heading the committee and everyone that was involved in getting it organized. This is a very positive thing for the community and district collaborations.

Everything for Youth Court is in place and ready to get started.

The Intergovernmental Agreement was presented to City Council, RPS Board, and County Board. A variety of people spoke at these meetings about Youth Court and the IGA. It was received positively and approved by all agencies.

Jessie spoke about the timeline for Youth Court.

March 5 – Applications Distributed

March 10 – Jessie would be at JHS during lunches to talk to interested students

March 12 – Applications due

March 13 – Juror Trainees Selected and permissions slips sent to parents

March 17 – Juror Training at Atwood – 9 to 3 – all are welcome to join or observe

March 18 – Parent Meeting of Peer Jurors

TBD – Information to JHS parents re Youth Court

TBD – Parent meeting re Youth Court

April 1 – Begin Referrals

April 8 – Mock Youth Court Sessions

May 1 – First Youth Court Session 3:45 – 6:00pm

A jury will have 8 – 10 students. Hoping to get about 30 jurors. We can still proceed if we do not have 30 students.

Students seem to be very excited and are working on the paperwork.

Discussed the face of keeping the confidentiality and not open to the public. If several in the community are interested then a mock trial could be held.

Youth Court at JHS is a pilot.

Funding in grant for all 4 sites. Timeline goal is JHS – Spring 2014, GHS – Fall 2014, EHS & AHS – Spring 2015. The Foundation is willing to work with us if we need adjust the guidelines of the grant.

4. Update on VITA (Good Taxes)

East and Auburn students were involved. They were trained and passed the Certified Volunteer IRS Test. Approximately 10 students completed the program.

This is for low income and RPS employees.

Students prepared taxes, and a grant was received so they could complete FAFSA also.

Gina worked with Good Will and the students.

Gina is looking for paid internships for these students for the summer. One suggestion was through the Trust Department at various banks.

5. Pathway Outcomes for students

a. Review Human Services and Law/Public Safety updates

b. Discuss the other pathways and develop a plan for completion

c. Timeline for pathway outcome articulation

i. Share with ASTs for review and discussion

ii. Use to guide Site Visits in July/August

d. Review/Assess Staffing Roster

Review of the pathway forms. Would like to have these completed by May. CCR would initiate the form, AST reviews and makes additions, Teachers implement. Be specific with the context and how it could be applied in the work environment. Dave will resend the forms. Can be done individually or work with your Pathway group.

6. Update on New Courses in HPS

a. Crime Scene Investigation, Teaching and Child Care Careers, CDA program

RPS is working with US Platteville and a CSI program. They are hoping to get someone local to teach the program.

Notify Dave if you have input regarding the Teaching and Child Care Careers Program.

RPS is working with Rasmussen College regarding the Child Development Association (CDA) program.

7. Updating unite, summer site visits, and Academy Expo

Summer Site Visits will be 7/31/14 & 8/7/14. The morning will be where the team will be involved in the site visit. The afternoon will be where community member and the team work together planning for the pathway during the school year. Also look at projects for students. RPS is hoping to have a follow up to this on a SIP day. The hope is that this will help build a relationship between site and teachers which can continue to group through the year.

Expo is Sept 16.

Unite – will launch in April. They are developing a regional database and will help companies set up a profile in the system. Students will be able to see what is available in the area for their pathway.

Community members can also mark if they are willing to speak to students.

8. Other

9. Complete Survey for discussion in May

Please complete the survey that was distributed and return to Dave or Sheila either hardcopy or electronically. Results will be compiled and shared at the May meeting.

10. Meeting Calendar – May 13

Adjourn: 8:41am

CCRC Outcomes:

- Monitor community support and student performance outcomes
- Advise so that pathway course sequences meet college-readiness & professional standards
- Recruit and maintain membership of CCRCs
- Communicate needs/successes to ARB and address barriers with ASTs
- Support equitable resource distribution among high schools and pathways
- Advocate for acquisitions for facility and equipment needs
- Collaborate to garner support from public and private grant sources
- Support Alignment Rockford's committees
- Recruit Academy Support Teams as needed