



Career and College Readiness Council

**BAMIT**

Wednesday March. 12, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

**Present**

Katie Haun, Swedish American  
Mason Osbourne, UTAS  
David Carson, RPS  
Aaron Johnson, Thinker Profit  
Gina Caronna, RPS  
Mike Connor, IT Consultants  
Sheila Schmitt, Scribe  
Jim Nelson, Rotary  
Sharon Nesbit-Davis, Rockford Arts Council  
Jason Todd, Thinker Profit  
Nik Butenhoff, RPS

**Absent**

Kalah Carson, UTC  
Lesly Couper, Alpine Bank  
Phillip Way, Rockford University  
Anna Feetham, Comfort Inn  
James O'Hagan, RPS  
Karen Fiery, Fiery Mind  
John Groh, Rockford Area Visitors Bureau  
Josh Houghton, Riverside Community Bank  
Noemi Kaplan, UTC  
Kristin Karch  
Brittney Kroening, UTC  
Caitlin Ludwig, Blackhawk Bank  
Pam Maher, KMK Media  
Melissa Nodurft, McDonalds  
Anna O'Keefe, Rockford Area Arts  
Kim Seidl, UTC  
Andrew Shallow, Associated Bank  
Chris Sisson, Rockford University  
David Sobojinski, BMO Harris Bank  
Jim Stone, Maverick Media  
Jeff Swanberg, Rockford Career College  
Shannon Tuenisson, UTC  
John Torrence, Torrence Enterprises  
Andrea Ward, BMO Harris Bank  
Heidi Dettman, RPS  
Joseph DeChatelets, Rockford Mutual Insurance  
LuAnn Wigermen, RPS  
Dave Smith, WIFR  
Deb Eisfeller, Alpine Bank  
Sharon Nesbit-Davis, Rockford Area Arts  
Tim Beshaw, Alpine Bank  
Peggy Pottoff, Illinois CSI  
Audra Cooke, RVC  
Debbie Kimes, RCDC  
Michelle Borgialli, Thermo Fisher Scientific

**1. Call to order: 12:02 p.m.**

Introductions – new members

**2. Update from ASTs & Roster Review and Recruitment Discussion**

East AST is working on developing a “speed date” type event. There will be three industry experts to speak with students. The students will move in order to speak with each expert. They can talk about the pathway that each person took to get to where they are today, etc.

Challenges they are facing is there are 8 class periods and 6 of them involve freshmen. One of the periods has 3 separate classes.

They are working on finalizing a date and filling the spots with experts.

JHS has student involvement. They had some students involved in an Art Show in Chicago where they won a scholarship. Job shadowing is getting started.  
The roster for JHS has been received and has teachers listed. Other sites are starting to complete the roster when positions are filled.  
Council recruits AST members. Notify Katie or Dave with recommendations

### **3. Define Vision and Timeline for Entrepreneurship Club**

#### **a. Launch sub-committee to develop and implement the plan**

Entrepreneurship Club is getting started.

Going to start a sub-committee of BAMIT to work with the Entrepreneurship Club

Council support is to determine the vision and timeline for the club

Club is to meet outside class hours. Possibilities are before or after school, during lunch period, or if the district goes with late start could be during this time.

They could meet as frequent as weekly.

The facilitators could be staff, community members, or a combination them.

The end goal is to have students participate in an event including a presentation. Students would need to determine a product and present it to a panel, such as the school board. Discussed the idea of narrowing the field of what type of product they can work on. Possible making it a service based product, whether it is community or school service based. Facilitators will work with students to pick the project, name it, present it, and possibly work on sponsor letters.

Discussed talking to chamber for assistance it community based projects.

Hoping to start the club next fall.

Things to consider as planning the club:

How to develop the club

Presentation – what is involved and to whom

Number of meetings

Ultimate goal is for the club to become a class

### **4. Curriculum Model Review and Discussions**

#### **a. Break into small-groups to review and revise (please bring laptop if available)**

This was tabled until the April meeting

### **5. Update regarding unite, summer site visits, and Academy Expo**

Site visits are 7/31/14 & 8/7/14

They will be combined with Boot Camp – on the last day

The morning will be the site visit.

The afternoon will be spent with the community members working with the team in a planning session for next school year. It hopefully will include projects for the students along with building relationships between community and teachers for the better of the students

ITP will be out soon.

Expo will be Sept 16. This year it will be for freshmen only and include Belvidere students.

Unite is a Regional Database system. Unite is a platform thru Career Cruising that is being adopted regionally with CEANCI. People and companies can create an online profile. Students can look at possible employers. Individuals can state that they are interested in speaking to classes. This will help guide teachers as to who is available. It also is a blog type format where students can ask questions of a virtual coach/mentor. CEANCI has a developer that will, with permission, help or make a profile for an individual or company.

### **6. Other**

ETSY is going into schools.

\$50.00 donations are needed to start.

They are producing clocks with recycled materials.

Vista program started this year with East and Auburn.

Gina is looking for paid internships for these students for the summer. They are interested in the financial area. Students would need to complete an application and resume's. They would need to earn the position. Nothing is guaranteed.

### **7. Meeting Calendar**

April 9, 2014 – RPS Administration Building – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – Conference Room 2