



## **Region 9 Works Council**

### MEETING NOTES

January 28th, 2016, 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Held at NTN Driveshaft

Columbus, Indiana

- I. Call to Order  
Meeting was called to order by Chris Lowery
- II. Members & Guests in Attendance: Chris Lowery (Ivy Tech), Harold Wilson (Cummins), Stephanie Weber (EcO/CEC), Jan Hussey (Columbus Regional Health), Charlene Hall (Columbus Regional Health), Jennifer O'Shea (DWD), Barry Parkhurst (NTN Driveshaft), Melissa Miller (Honda Mfg of Indiana), Kurt Keggereis (SEIWIB), Kathy Huffman (CEC/ECO), Beth Pattison (DWD), Gene Hack (C4), Sue Smith (Ivy Tech) via phone.
- III. Minutes from December meeting were approved.
- IV. Renee Becker-Blau and her colleague from IndianaFIRST shared information with the board regarding the Robotics Program offered through their organization. They also were able to demo the cool robot from last year's competition and share the video highlighting this year's upcoming Stronghold FIRST Robotics Competition. The robotics program is comprised of four Leagues: FIRST LEGO (K-3rd grade), FIRST LEGO League (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade), FIRST Tech Challenge (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) and FIRST Robotics Competition (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade). Program overviews were shared as well as a save the date sheet for upcoming events around the state. There will also be an upcoming information session within Region 9 to be held March 1<sup>st</sup> at Greensburg Community Learning Center from 6:00-8:00pm. There is a local individual that has a passion for the program that wants to generate interest and participation in the Greensburg/Shelbyville area. So please spread the word. Great discussion following the presentation regarding how we get info regarding this great program in front of superintendents and how can school systems identify champions or leaders for these types of academic programs. Parents are usually interested when their child becomes interested, but so much of the success depends on having an identified leader or champion to help establish and drive the program.
- V. Updates from the State: Jennifer shared that the state is finalizing its recommendations for the Skill Up Grant and will begin reaching out to recipients in the next couple of weeks. Official announcements are anticipated around 2/17/16.
- VI. Poster Update: Posters have been going out to the schools and have received a great reception.

- VII. DWD: No updates at this time
- VIII. Brief updates from the networks: Mfg Network, next event schedule for March 4 to be held at the Columbus Learning Center. Attainment Network & Health Care Network have been meeting as well with ongoing analysis and planning activities. Recent event in Columbus for 21<sup>st</sup> Century scholars & their parents attracted 200 students & family members. Recent open house at C4 in Columbus was also a great success.
- IX. February meeting to be held Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at Southeastern Career Center in Versailles from 10:00-12:00pm.