



## **Region 4 Works Council**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

**October 7, 2015**

**1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Ivy Tech Administrative Offices**

**5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**101 West Sycamore St.**

**Kokomo, IN**

I. Call to Order and Welcome

II. Roll Call

Members: Doug Mansfield, Brad Rhorer, Michelle Simmons, Kara Webb, Jim Wolff Tracey Caddell, Jeff Hauswald, Pam Rager, Diane McKinley and Steve Shelby

Guests: Deb Waymire, Tom Schott, James Little, Jonathan Schuck, Jim Stradling, Leanne Bronson, Cheryl Simmons, Craig Stanns and Pat O'Brien

III. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from June 10<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup>  
Doug Mansfield motioned to approved, Brad Rhorer seconded and minutes were approved.

IV. Subcommittee Report-Out  
Michelle Simmons provided information for the post-secondary subcommittee regarding offerings for the Lafayette and Kokomo Ivy Tech Campuses. She also shared the number of job openings and associated wages in the various occupations associated with the programs offered.  
There was conversation about the changes to the requirements to dual credit teaching credentials. It was clarified that it is more applicable to liberal arts/general education dual credit courses.

V. Teacher Panel: Impact of the Growth Model and High Stakes Testing and Evaluation  
Jeff Hauswald shared with the group that this panel grew out of a conversation around this topic in the August Works Council meeting. A group of four teachers,

Leanne Bronson, Cheryl Simmons, Craig Stanns and Pat O'Brien to share their thoughts.

The general consensus of the group was that it is making teaching more difficult. There was also much discussion around soft skills and the teachers shared that, while they try to weave it into their day, they don't have people modeling this behavior at home. There are a number of initiatives and programs to address this but the issue remains.

Industry representatives ask how they can be more involved and when. The teachers shared that these conversations should start in middle school.

VI. Skill UP Indiana!

Deb Waymire shared that Region 4/Tecumseh Area Partnership submitted a letter of intent and has convened a group of industry, educators and community partners to begin planning.

VII. Manufacturing Week Events, Kara Webb

Kara Webb and Michelle Simmons shared the plethora of events that took place through Manufacturing Week. More than 770 students were impacted by the industry tours.

VIII. Change in Leadership

It was announced Sascha Harrell will be stepping down as chair but will remain on the Works Council. Brad Rhorer will be the new chair moving forward.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.