

Aspire Talent Team

February 17, 2017

Attendance: Mike Tompkins, Bea Northcott, Lisa Lintner, Nicole Otte, Gayle Brooks, Allison Naum, Mike Quaranta, Connie Poston, Brandy Ferguson, Paige Banos, Ryan Waggoner

Committee updates:

Career and Job Fair: 11 businesses have registered to date. Still need more companies, but we have time for them to come in. It would be good to have personal phone calls to companies if you have a relationship with them. Working on the flyer for employee attendees that will go out in March.

Work Ethic Certification: Bea Northcott is now the specialist who will manage the program through the grant. The first meeting was held with the committee to begin the development of the criteria for the certification. The program will begin with Central 9 then the following year move out to the sending schools to bring in a larger number of students eligible to participate. The next meeting will be to finalize the traits to be used in the program and to develop the incentives the businesses will give to the students who receive the certification.

HR Roundtable: Erin is continuing to work on this, with the goal of starting this in March.

Career and Education Forum: 4th annual forum will be Sept. 28. 900 people participated last year. 12 different companies and organizations also participated. Focus will remain on the middle school students but younger and older also participate. The push this year will be to have more guidance counselors participate. There will be awards for the schools who participate with students for STEM related initiatives. Discussion was held about assisting companies in developing their presentation for the students as that was an issue with some companies. Brandyn can identify 2 to 5 companies to work with this year. The Aspire volunteer can be paired with a company to create the presentation. Another discussion was having counselors visit local companies to learn more about them. Developing a tour with an incentive to have them participate.

Senator Greg Walker visited the team and held a short question and answer time with the team to learn more about the work and the ongoing plans.