

Notes from CCR School Partners Meeting

February 26, 2019

Gateway

Attendees:

Justin Kaiser, Beechwood
Heather McDougall, Bellevue
Pam Hirn, BCHS
Wendi Karle, Conner
Julie Lovell, Dixie Heights
Brian Noll, KC Academies
Mike Key, Lloyd
Jenny McMillen, Ludlow
Jill Holthaus, Scott
Sarah Hester, Walton Verona
Tammy Dorgan, Ryle
Shelli Johnson, Williamstown
Sherry Wirth, Campbell County Central Office
Jennifer Warford, Cooper
Melissa Currin, Simon Kenton

Each person was asked to introduce themselves by answering . . .if you had a magic wand and could create whatever you wanted regarding college and career readiness, what would that be.

Here are the responses:

- A more invested business community
- Authentic experiences for students (why not have school in businesses?)
- Real opportunities for students – hard to get authentic experiences
- Parents more involved and better understand that not every student has to go to 4-year college, that the better understand what the opportunities are
- Practicality – need a more streamlined process, schools have to go through so much red tape to provide opportunities for students
- Database of opportunities (noted several times)
- Transportation issues resolved
- For KDE to recognize CCR efforts – example of student in Williamstown who owns his own business and has employees and will never be recognized as college and career ready
- CCR coach devoted to CCR
- Curriculum that aligns with career/college
 - Includes business partnership
 - Business understands that students are a value-add for the business
- Education and business world understanding each other
- Time and money

When asked what their biggest issues, needs and concerns are, here are the responses:

(Items in red are priorities for the next two meetings.)

- What's the timeframe to get some of this work done? We've been talking about it for a while.
- Lack of leadership at the state level
- Can we have someone from the state come to talk to us and hear our concerns – there are constantly moving targets. **Invite Mary Taylor and Brenda Demic to the next meeting.**
- Show data and statistics that options and opportunities are best for kids
 - Numbers to establish that this is a priority
 - Data from local business about careers
 - **Begin gathering data that will tell the story**
- A “regional day”, like what happened in Campbell County today. State, business and education together
- Teacher externships
- **Database of opportunities – this aligns with what the Healthcare Career Network working group has set as a priority. St. Elizabeth is beginning to populate the categories; Chamber will begin working on the platform.**
- Kentucky FAME – math benchmark is hard to hit
- We need to create a mindset change for parents – college AND career
- Documentary – Profiles of Students (tell student success stories, like the kid who owns his own business)
- How to bridge the gap between the past and now to prepare for the future – education is different now than in the 90's and it will be different 20 years from now.
- Career Signing Day
- Student Testimonials to help tell the story of career path success
- Skill based curriculum
- For database, get alma mater information from company contact (or input information in the database about who in company is from local schools – potential for speakers)

The school representatives agreed that they were the appropriate Point of Contacts for CCR at their schools.

This group will continue to meet, continue these discussions. The next meeting will be held on March 25, 1:00-2:30. As soon as the location is determined, I will send a calendar invitation.

Helen