

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2004
Big Bend Community College, Moses Lake

Gary Park called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members and staff were introduced.

Dan Brudevold was welcomed to the Workforce Development Council. He served on the Private Industry Council. He is happy to be back and finds it rewarding to see people gain the skills they need to get to work. Dan returned to work for CTEC which has grown from 100 employers to over one thousand.

Bill welcomed everyone to the Big Bend Community College campus. Big Bend Community College opened in 1962 as part of the Moses Lake School District. The State Board took over in 1967.

Currently 80 students are enrolled in the commercial pilot program. The college also offers aviation maintenance. Often the applied academic model does not work for vocational programs. The college is providing more intensive short-term training so employed students can continue toward a degree. It is a challenge to create relevant transferable curricula. Look for creative degrees such as a bachelor of technology that incorporates management, organizational, and human relations to allow graduates to advance rather than be locked in. Heritage offers courses and degree programs at Big Bend, and Central currently offers courses. Today, half the students who attend community colleges plan to transfer and continue toward a baccalaureate degree and the other half receives vocational training.

The campus is located on the former Larson Air Force Base. When the based closed, 154 acres were transferred to BBCC. Many campus improvements have been paid for with innovative funding including a very lucrative contract to provide basic skills to army personnel stationed in Europe. The army contract ended in 1995. Grant County is building the Campus Parkway which will separate campus and non-campus roadways. A new library and training center are being built. The training facility was over-built hoping to provide more baccalaureate opportunities for students including full articulation with Central. When the research library opens in the fall, it will become a regional library because of its resources. A new food service center will support the dormitories, conference and training centers. The entire project came in under budget allowing all phases to be completed at once thanks to generous State Funding and local contributions.

Gary attended a WDC Chair summit on May 6. There were 12-14 in attendance including David Harrison who chairs the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board. Gary said he was pleased with the meeting and it was good to get the Chairs together. He will share the minutes once they are available.

Information was distributed regarding proposed changes to the Workforce Investment Act. Dave encouraged members to share their opinions with elected officials.

Meeting Minutes

Terry and Roger have used the PowerPoint presentation. Terry reported the presentation went very well. He appreciated the footnotes on the written copy.

Marcia Henkle moved and Terry Brewer seconded to approve the February 17, 2004 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Okanogan Meeting Report

Thirty-two fewer participants will be served. The plan number is 788 compared to 820 in the current year. The budget is reduced four percent over all.

Duane Johnson moved and Mike Wade seconded to approve the Okanogan Operating Budget. Motion passed.

Grant/Adams Meeting Report

One-half of the budget cut is student tuition. This is an area of concern for the President. However participants do not go from school dropouts to college students. A lot happens in between. Students will have to be more resourceful in funding.

Terry Brewer moved and Steve Chestnut seconded to approve the Grant/Adams Operating Budget. Motion passed. Bill Bonaudi abstained from voting.

Chelan/Douglas Meeting Report

The budget decreases \$500,000 and 40 fewer will be served.

Gene Schmidt moved and Duane Johnson seconded to approve the Chelan/Douglas Operating Budget. Motion passed.

Executive Meeting Report

Mike, Mel, Georgia, and Gary met with Dave and Laura. There were questions and a subsequent conference call, but the budget was unanimously recommended for approval. Questions concerned staffing. Staff reductions weren't apparent, but a current vacancy will not be filled.

Mike Wade moved and Kathy Mertes seconded to approve the Executive Budget. Motion passed.

Gary distributed information on the book, Good to Great by Jim Collins. It is valuable information for everyone regardless their organization's size. Dan agreed it is helpful and by the same author as Built to Last. It is based on a concept developed by following eleven companies that consistently beat the market in results.

Gene thanked the Board for allowing him to travel to the NAWB conference in Washington DC. Gene presented Dave with an award from the Washington Association of School Administrators. As a result, five students at Brewster's Main Street Learning Center received diplomas this spring from the Bridgeport School District. They moved beyond the GED to high school graduation. Twenty-seven more students plan to return in the fall and pursue a high school diploma.

Dan shared CTEC's publication which included information about their resource center.

Ken reported the Health Care Skills Panel hosted a symposium attended by 70 people. Local nursing programs are at capacity, yet by 2020 there will be a shortage of 25,000 nurses. Locally, the panel brings together members of the health care system. Symposium materials were distributed with the Panel's interim report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Members Present:

Kathy Mertes
Marcia Henkle
Peggy Gill
Karl Allison
Teresa Martinez
Bill Bonaudi
Gary Park
Steve Chestnut
Terry Brewer
Duane Johnson
Dan Brudevold, (pending)
Gene Schmidt
Mike Wade
Oscar Garza

Members Absent:

Mike Baird
Linda Chambers
Rich Davies
John Hamilton
Mel Hansen
Dimitri Mandelis
Georgia Nelson
Frank Noble
Lucille Pakootas
Cheri Rayburn
Roger Thieme

Staff:

Dave Petersen
Lisa Romine
Laura Hennigh
Ken Kelnhofer
Georgene Ford
Erin Munding
Cindy Blaufuss