

## Workforce and Education Group

Minutes, April 1, 2024

Present: Nancy Vanderbilt, Brian Maroney, Wendy Morse, Melissa Senecal, Bill Colvin, Lisa Harrington, Chris Callahan, Sean-Marie Oller, Nancy Shuttleworth, Kristen Kimball, Matthew Machia, Andrea Hogan, Greg Poelker-Mckee, Jeannie Jenkins

### Review April Career Month

- Nancy Shuttleworth shared that the Starting Your Own Business seminar for April 17 would benefit from additional advertising – one person signed up so far
  - Jeannie will email Sue Allen at Banner who offered to do advance promotion for the event

### Next Steps and Projects Brainstorm

- Better highlighting of the integrated career exploration plans elementary through high school to community, businesses, and parents
    - high school field experiences and internships and connections to Personalized Learning Plan (PLP)
      - Kristen will send BBA's Internship list (attached)
      - Lisa send SW Tech Business contact list (attached)
      - Laura noted that this connects with District Goal #5 for Arlington and MAU and that AOE has a year-long process to boost goal #5
    - Note: Both BBA and Tech Center lists went to Sue Allen at the Banner
  - Bring more businesses into Workforce and Ed meetings
    - Generally, business has joined when the goals align
    - Sophomore Summit is a great example of ways to bring in business
    - Look for other examples – internships?
  - Utilize Theory of Change model developed for the SVSU 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant
  - Promote college internships - UVM credit-bearing and paid internships as an example
  - Build on programs such as Robotics (BAM-SVSU partnership) to demonstrate connections between education, skills development, and career exploration
  - Utilize Media Specialists as bridges to Workforce and Ed activities
- ⇒ Action Step: Consider what next steps to take for May meeting

### Other News

- Laura shared that she is seeking projects to include in Title 4 funding request
    - In the past, this funding has supported
      - Robotics at the elementary school level
      - Increased career pathways activities at Arlington and MAU
      - Busing for 5<sup>th</sup> graders to the Touch a Career event at SW Tech
- ⇒ Action Step: Ideas should be sent to Laura by May 1<sup>st</sup>

- Touch a Career at SW Tech event for 5<sup>th</sup> graders is May 21<sup>st</sup>
- 2024 SoVT Economic Summit is May 21<sup>st</sup> [sovermontzone.com/summit](https://sovermontzone.com/summit)

