

## Wakefield Business Alliance

Location: Wakefield North – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center

**Meeting: 9/13/07**

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NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 8:00AM

AT Wake Technical Community College- North Campus

6600 Louisburg Road, Raleigh, Wanda Green contact: 532-5573

### **ACTION STEPS:**

- Register for Great Xplorations Career Fair, Nov.2 (details below)
- Review Strategic Plan for assignments/data sheets responses

### **Data Sheets: Maryann Balbo/Teresa Doring**

Teacher/Alliance Breakfast in August 2007 was a success.

Feedback from the Business Alliance Fall survey (copy given out) show that the activities the teachers might be interested in:

- Guest Speakers (54 responses)
- Senior Projects and Friday Fairs (38 responses)
- Grant Assistance (36 responses)
- Field Trips and develop a curriculum project related to my subject (35 responses)
- Internships/job placement for students (30)

### **Principal Reports:**

Mark Savage, WHS:

- Largest high school in Wake County (2628 students)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center – Transition and move in to facility was very smooth.
- Graduation 2010 – First class to be required to complete Graduation Project /Dept. of Instruction (state mandated program) Business Community will be needed to assist students.

Tripp Crayton, WMS

- Second largest traditional middle school (1337 students)
- Re-working and new hiring of staff – 108
- Continue working in “team” approach divided by grade to keep smaller learning communities.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Xplorations Career Fair – Ellie Watkins/Barbara Wiggins**

- Moved to McKimmons Center – NC State (November, 2 / 9am – 1:00)
- 120 companies are to be represented
- Fair is based on Career Pathways
- Dress code / Hand to Hand activities reinforced
- 35 Business Alliance members
- Activity Busses used and substitutes are paid for teachers

### **Strategic Plan Accomplishments and Overview: Maryann Balbo**

- Copies of plan are available.

### **Graduation Project 2010 – Senior Project – Barbara Wiggins**

- Jean Duffy is head of steering committee/will give presentation in October to Business Alliance
- Roles identified and training teachers
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Advisory is used to communicate to students
- Assessing the present systems in school – Internship programs/procedures
- Investigating Mentor opportunities
- Involvement needed from Business Alliance and PTSA
- Beth Davis of Business Alliance will be contact/liaison
- Sandy Gasper of PTSA will be contact/liaison

### **Miscellaneous:**

- New member packet with brochure and letter available soon (Derk DeGroot and Ellie Watkins will be completing)
- Working on the development of a “frequent guest speaker list”. Must go through volunteer procedures/takes only a minute to complete. (Brochure handed out)
- Rex Healthcare will fund the “Think First” program (Poe Center) again for freshman.
- Mistletoe Market, PTSA only fundraiser, is in need of business sponsors and basket donations (contact Sandy Gasper, [tgasper@nc.rr.com](mailto:tgasper@nc.rr.com))
- Web page and Business Alliance link will be reviewed and recommendations made on a more interactive site. (Robin Fred will head up)
- School to Career Volunteer Celebration held Sept. 25. Our own Dee Parsons (chaired Business Alliance for several years) was recognized as one of the 2007 Outstanding STC Volunteers
- Beth Breymaier, WHS Special Ed/Occupational Teacher, has students available for filing, database entry, folding manuals (administrative duties). Job skills, work readiness, and community service projects are all a part of their education. They assist with Friday Fairs(at WHS) in winter. Contact Beth at [lbreymaier@wcpss.net](mailto:lbreymaier@wcpss.net).