

**WAKEFIELD BUSINESS ALLIANCE
MEETING MINUTES**

MARCH/APRIL 2008

Location: March Wakefield High School
 April School of Communication Arts

Key Dates:

April 5 TeenFest competition / Alcohol Awareness Month
April 7 Graduation Project judges needed at Southeast High School
April 18 Xtreme Beginnings Career Fair – Roundtable and Interviewers for students needed
May 8 Alliance Meeting at Wakefield High School – North

Needs: Prizes for Fitness Challenge at WHS
 Review Mentor brochure (Grad Proj) next meeting / recruit mentors/distribute database

Principal Reports focused on the need for outside volunteers to help with mentoring.

- WMS many students need weekly help for tutoring/someone to show interest in their needs.
- WHS began a “Each One, Reach One” program with all staff and teachers mentoring targeted group of students to work with each week. Other news at High School:
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 - Mr. Evans, Asst. Principal, is leaving. He will be moving on to Central Office working with
 - students in the discipline area.
 - Hiring a Graduation Project Coordinator – interviews will be ongoing
 - 900 – 1100 Freshman at WHS next year
 - Fitness Challenge for staff – log 300 miles- Walk to the Beach

Ellie Watkins, Barbara Wiggins and James Bockelmann reported:

Career College (WMS) and Friday Fairs (WHS) - A big success due to relationships established with Alliance. 144 Career professionals at WHS and over 90 speakers at WMS. In April, 9th Grade Center will hold 3 - Wednesday Fairs. WHSN counselor, Mr. Huseeim recruited and identified businesses to help students have exposure to summer opportunities and how to start getting a job.

Maryann Balbo and Janny Flynt recruited mentors at the Friday Fairs. Janny prepared a spreadsheet of contacts. Wanda from Wake Tech and Royal Tiger Academy both shared interest in becoming mentors.

Robin Fred reported and walked members through Moodle .All Alliance Members attending March meeting were walked through the specifics on how to access and use. www.qtlmoodle.org.

Beth Davis, Robin Ritchey and Sandy Gasper will meet to put together a mentor brochure for the Graduation Project that can be used for parents, potential professionals and teachers for WHS. This will be shared at May Meeting.

Wakefield's Unity Step Team won the TeenFest competition. Program is an anti-violence/substance abuse teen competition where students put on a presentation. Goal is to develop Teen Council meetings and teen to teen workshops.

Members Present:

Maryann Balbo, NBC17
Raecheal Weaver, UPS
Robin Fred, QTL
Rosemarie Newman, MD
Ellie Watkins, WMS
Teran Rankin, NBC 17
Sandy Gasper, PTSA
Beth Davis, TCG BioPharmacy
Andy Roth, Tekelec
Teresa Doring, NBC 17
Jan Hutchins, Rex Healthcare
Jessica Coscia, NBC 17
Janny Flynt, WCHS/Joblink
Don Smith, Cisco
Robbie Earnhard, Superior Tooling, Inc
G. Tracy McCullen, Embarg
Wally Agee, Embarg
Robin Ritchey, RTI International
Tripp Crayton, WMS
Carmen Carroll, Wake Co. Human Services/Joblink
Marchelle Horner, WHS
Mark Savage, WHS
Royal Tiger Academy
Karen Gilliam
Becky Martin
Debra Stamp
Susan Martin