

## **Career Tech Ed Task Force**

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**Present:** Dirlene Wheeler, Mike Nickel, Heidi Richins, Cody Sinclair, Leonard Strobbe (KWN), Kathleen Pilch, Kathy Hecker, Ward Cotton, Philippe Chino, Nick Siddle, Ryan McChesney, Curtis Biggs (Sheridan College), Mike Butcher (Kennon), Janelle Martinsen, Shari Peddicord.

### ***MEETING NOTES***

- Leadership Review – Industry needs to be more involved. Mike Nickel is willing to hand over the industry leadership to another if someone is willing to step forward. Philippe and Shari will visit with Randy Humphreys and see if he is willing to do so. Kathleen Pilch will liaison in a leadership role for School District #2.
- FYI: Mark Your Calendar – The following events need industry exposure and business participation. Make contacts within your own network to help promote these events.
  - Real Life Fair for all ninth graders – February 21st
  - Job Shadow Day -- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Career Fair (Aligned with the Career Clusters)(@Sheridan College) – April 17th
  - Job Fair (Sheridan High School) – May 8<sup>th</sup>
- Career Academies Conference Results & Discussion
  - Industry Clusters are aligned with state approved clusters. A task force has been created at Sheridan High School to further investigate a freshman academy approach as the initial step, to be followed by additional academies developed to meet their career interests as freshmen move on. This will begin in the fall of 2009.
  - Industry Support is much needed at this time.
  - Curriculum Review – The Big Horn Homebuilders Association and StartWest knowledge-based industry cluster are interested in helping review the curriculum for the career academies when it is available.
- Intern/ Apprenticeship contracts and programs are currently available. The programs are in need of more community partners.
  - The technical programs need businesses willing to place students. A copy of the training agreement was distributed. Businesses can contact Sheridan High School if they are interested in placing an intern or apprentice in their business.
    - Construction industry issues include flexibility of time to accommodate students' other activities, as well as laws restricting students from working in the construction environment. Shari Peddicord will contact Karen Swindells with Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training to see if she can come clarify these laws and ways in which students can work in the construction industry.



- Marketing
  - Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training if possible
  - Safety Certification possibilities for younger students in construction trades
  - Industry Participation
- Future Meetings: March 5, April 2