

Business Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Glades Industrial Council

February 23, 2018

7:30 a.m.

Dolly Hand Theater Lobby, Belle Glade Campus

ITEM #1. *Overview of Academic and PSAV programs*

Discussion: Dr. Vallejo and Dr. Vargas have been working to assure that opportunities on other campuses exist at Belle Glade and Loxahatchee. Pathways have been created to help students move through programs with credentials. Also helps business partners see opportunities for employees to develop skills and earn certificates that lead to degrees. Bachelor's programs are offered online, so students don't have to be on one campus to complete the degree. PSAV programs that support industry are welding and heavy equipment mechanics. Welding will be renovated to move from booths for 20 students to booths for 32 students in the next year. The heavy equipment mechanics program recently received national accreditation from ASE (formerly NATEF). Both programs are offering schedules of courses by modules so that local employees can beef up skills in needed areas without enrolling in the entire program.

Positive is that students can get programs here without working all day and then driving to Lake Worth. Want more programs at Belle Glade, especially criminal justice. Also need to make sure IT and CISCO classes are offered in Belle Glade for growth of electronics in all aspects of industry.

Need options at night and consideration for child care for women who want to take classes.

Data source consulted (where appropriate)

Pathways

365 graduates in area with standard diploma—these are only students that qualify for standard financial aid. Not all these students will come to PBSC.

Action: Asking partners to help PBSC as program advocates: recruit students; assist with on-the-job training and internships; provide field visits; help sponsor career days; hire graduates; promote the program in the region; help procure equipment, space, facilities for program; sponsor scholarships; sponsor guest lectures. Special need for changing negative perception of sugar industry jobs.

Let PBSC know if we are missing part of the community with marketing. Who else should we send information to that will be disseminated that we are not contacting already?

Can be flexible with time/day of course scheduling. Let PBSC know if you have a need for a particular course at a particular time.

Council supports PBSC continuing to explore adding programs at campuses: supply chain, mechatronics, automation, others.

ITEM #2. *Election of Chair, Secretary*

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Johnny Burroughs and Gloria McAllister unanimously elected.

ITEM #3. *Date of Next Meeting*

Discussion: 7:30 breakfast, 8:00 meeting

Summer meeting to allow for budget recommendations

Action: Thursday, July 26. College is closed on Fridays in the summer.

Attendance: Dr. Maria Vallejo, PBSC; Dr. Roy Vargas, PBSC; Dr. Gloria McAllister, PBSC, Dr. Bruce Campbell, PBSC; Steve Stemle, PBSC; Mr. Joe Kyles, Mayor, City of South Bay; Mr. Johnny Burroughs, Belle Glade Commissioner; Napoleon Collins, City of South Bay; Manuel Lezcano, SCGC; Bryan Cross, SCGC; Carlos Marin, SCGC; Don Messer, US Sugar; Matt Kindermann, US Sugar; Steve Prielozny, Bank of Belle Glade; Gene Bair, Bair's Electronics; Stephanie Dardanella, Lakeside Medical Center; Kiley Larsen, Ag Safety.

Submitted by: *Gloria McAllister*, Secretary