

**AGENDA**

**TRI STAR ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**December 7, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Tri Star Career Compact**  
**7655 St Rte 703**  
**Celina, OH 45822**

**Joe Rose- CW**  
**Randy Kunk - CW**  
**Dorothy Kiel - SM**  
**Chris Falk - SM**  
**Sandy Mast - CE**  
**Tim Rosengarten - CE**  
**Scott Bertke – NB**  
**Jesse Rose – ML**  
**Rick Kremer - FR**  
**Paul Moorman - SH**  
**Matthew Neuman – NK**  
**Sandra Schulze - MN**

## AGENDA

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS OF AUGUST MINUTES
- III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Tim Buschur
  - A. Referral #136
  - B. Perkins
  - C. State Issues
    - 1. Funding – State Share
    - 2. Equipment Grant
  - D. Capital Grant Update
  - E. House Project
  - F. Department of Education and Workforce (DEW)
  - G. Special Education Meetings
  - H. Cooperative Update
  - I. Credential Funding
  - J. Maintenance Fund
- IV. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Brian Stetler
  - A. Update on Community Service Projects
  - B. Working with ESC and other schools on Employability Skills
  - C. Credentials
- V. RECRUITMENT/PLACEMENT: Julie Schosker
  - A. Sophomore Visits
- VI. CAREER DEVELOPMENT: Julie Schosker
  - A. Fall Scavenger Hunt
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Reserve Capital Fund Balance - \$81,209.00

Next Meeting – February 22, 2024 at 7:00pm

Tri Star Meeting  
October 26, 2023

Roll call was taken. Board Members present were Randy Kunk, Chris Falk, Tim Rosengarten, Sandy Mast, Dorothy Kiel and Scott Bertke. Absent were Paul Moorman, Joe Rose, Jesse Rose, Matt Neuman, Sandra Schulze and Rick Kremer.

Motion by Scott Bertke to approve the August minutes as read, seconded by Chris Falk, motion carried.

#### Director's Report:

- Funding – Changes in funding for both Compacts and Comprehensive. The state is revising funding in weighted dollars. Working with WSU and the Capital Grant-Tri Star receives \$493,000 and WSU's portion is \$7,000. Tri Star needs to obtain 3 bids for a medical table. We would also need to replace the SMART boards. Staggering replacement over 7-10 years.
- Referral #136 – Cutter / Printer for the Graphics program. This machine is geared towards producing banners and posters. The monies will come from the Civic Foundation.

On a motion by Chris Falk, seconded by Tim Rosengarten, to purchase the Mimaki Print and Cut Printer for \$29,895. All approved.

- Perkins – Equal access is geared towards special needs. The funds are used to promote equal opportunities for students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds. At the beginning of the school year, Julie met with high school counselors and principals to discuss updates and new information on WebXams. Last year Tri Star had a passing rate of 82% among our students, 75% passing for the special ed students.
- Department of Education and Workforce – DEW – Department of Education will be renamed Department of Education and Workforce. It will be a cabinet position with one person reporting to the Governor.
- Cooperative Update – As of now, the agreement is on hold due to the lawsuit. Tentatively working towards July 2025 for the cooperative to go into effect. Trying to cover all areas...do we need a school nurse? How do we approach special education?
- Science Credit/Med Prep – Talked to the schools about students being able to get science credits in Med Prep to free us schedule at student's home school. In the past in our business program, some schools gave English credit to students. This could free up time for the students to receive science credits. Several schools do that now and each school makes their own decision.
- Report Card – Tri Star earned 5 stars on the annual report card. The nine home schools did good as well. The required follow-up reports were 98% completed with a 99.8% graduation rate for Tri Star. Overall improvement with WebXam testing.
- House Project - Discussed the option to have lots for the construction house for up to next 20-25 years. The agreement could be for fewer years. The location is two miles from Tri Star. The providing party would provide all materials, permits, etc. and Tri Star would receive a percentage of the sale price. An auction will not be conducted. The selling price could be higher since an auction would not be held. Houses would be similar to what Tri Star currently builds. One issue is getting water to the site from the city since wells are not practical. A solution is being looked into by the involved parties. Superintendents are interested and would like further information. The entity interested in providing lots is willing to talk to the superintendents.

#### Asst Director's Report:

- Credentials – The completion of credentials has increased this past school year from Tri Star students, including students in Career Pathways. Credentials are important for employment. Employers look for them. Looking to start Lean Manufacturing at Tri Star. Aaron Schmitt used this process in his previous employment. Beginning at an entry level – it is a 5-step process.

- Cornerstone Chapel – Jr construction class is assisting in building the 60'x80' chapel at the Mercer Co Fairgrounds. Sr construction students have the new Tri Star house under roof. Engineering have been working on an obstacle course for the Celina Rotary dog park on the west side of the lake.
- IT / Cybersecurity – This program has grown since its inception. Mr. Eilerman previously taught at Rhodes State College, Lima with Mike has the credentials to have CCP for any interested student in Cybersecurity. Those students have an opportunity to learn about CISCO Academy and Red Hat Academy, both are software programs used in hospitals and banks.
- Donations – Crown donated two lift trucks: RC truck and RS truck. One lift truck is in Ag IT and the other in welding. Crown and Tri Star have a good partnership with donations to Tri Star. Also allowing Luke Zink to sub as a teacher in the welding program.

#### Recruiting/Placement Report:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tours – Tri Star hosted all 9 home schools with the addition of Holy Rosary. 824 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attended over 5 days. A survey was given to each student. Julie shared some of the suggestions and comments with the board members. It was a very successful event with no surprises. The teaching professions students served as tour guides along with a few students from other programs, each student did fantastic job.
- Sophomore Visits – In mid-November, current sophomores will have the opportunity to sign up to visit two different programs at Tri Star. Each student will observe the chosen program for ½ hour each for one afternoon in December. The visits are then followed up with Tri Star Open House. Our annual open house is scheduled for Monday, December 11, from 5:30-7:30pm. This is an opportunity to tour our facilities and meet the teachers along with their parents.

#### Career Development Report:

- Adult Education Classes – Fall adult classes are going very well. Several classes reached full capacity. Tri Star is fortunate to have highly skilled instructors to teach. Classes will be offered again in the Spring.
- Scavenger Hunt – Tri Star is offering a scavenger hunt to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is the second hunt scheduled since the first one was very successful. The theme this time around is “There is SNOW Place like Tri Star”. This event will be held on Thursday, November 30.

Reserve Capital – The invoices for the current school year have been mailed out. Two accordion metal gates have been purchased for the welding program. Welding is the only area that is not air conditioned. On mild days, the bay door is opened, the gates provide security. Several fog horns have been ordered. It was discovered that when several of our programs (Auto, Ag IT, Welding) are in their lab they cannot hear the fire alarm. The fog horns are loud enough to signal during high noise activities. Threat Extinguisher is working on the cost since Tri Star has recommended them to several area schools for their service.

Chris Falk asked if Tri Star has participated in ALICE training. Brian assured him that Tri Star has participated in ALICE training. Chris is a certified trainer if needed. Chris asked if our security cameras are accessible to the sheriff's department. Camera tied into the sheriff's office.

Reserve Capital balance is \$40,892.69

Next meeting is December 7, 2023 in the Star Room at 7:00pm.

On a motion by Chris Falk, seconded by Scott Bertke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.