

North Central P-16 Council

Minutes

April 4, 2014

PRESENT:

Paige Brown	Kelly Miller	Wolfgang Roeder
Linda Cash	Sherry Mitchell	Judy Schuelke
Randy Campbell	Reggie Mudd	Emily Short
Susan Bryant	Rick Parrent	Steve Sparks
Mike Davis	Brenda Payne	Jerry Spivey
Lisa Dickson	Mae Perry	Michael Torrence
Phyllis Foley	Karen Petty	Tami Wallace
Dave Gould	George Pimentel	Annette Wagner
Hilary Marabeti	Patty Powell	John Watz
Jane McGuire	Jimmy Johnston	Ellen Zinkiewicz

Guest Speakers

Abe Gaskins, Owner and CEO, MGM Industries Inc.
Tim Altizer, Vice President of Operations, Aladdin Temp Rite
Marius Sippos, Regional Vice President, ABC Group Inc.
Jared Smalley, General Manager, Schrader Electronics Ltd.

BUSINESS:

Linda Cash called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

The minutes of the January 24, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Brenda Payne, second by Rick Parrent, the minutes were approved.

Manufacturing Panelist

Abe Gaskins, Tim Altizer, Marius Sippos, and Jared Smalley shared information concerning the business and industry workforce.

Discussion included:

- Workforce needs of the respective organizations
- Training and education needs to supply the workforce
- How educators can help to prepare the workforce

Even though they all represent different areas of the manufacturing industry, they all agree on the challenges of hiring/maintaining new employees. The most lacking are soft skills, reliability, and commitment. They also agreed that a better relationship between Industry and Education is critical.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.