

Aligning Education & Careers (Grades 4-12) Team Notes – January 14, 2010

- Create world class students. (The problem is bigger than local. We need to be producing world class students across the nation. Carroll County has the opportunity to act on this because we do have some degree of local control.)
- Want all children to have a workplace experience (paid or volunteer)
- Want to see all young people having a life goal by Sophomore year
- Produce young people who are life-long learners (know how to learn for themselves) in order to be prepared for current and future economic reality.
- Increase percent of students who experience school positively. If school is a place for up to 50% of young people to experience failure, can we reach our aspiration for all generations to live, work and thrive?
 - Kids need to be prepared both for local jobs and global opportunities/competition.
 - Learning by doing strategy, like in vocational centers, is effective.
 - Like to see connections in education system from pre-school through college
 - Involve other community resources in children's success, such as businesses and retirees
 - More opportunities for kids not in college or vocational track

This team's opportunity:

- Know what each community is already doing well and learn from and help each other.

Role of Action Team

- Bring your individual views & knowledge to the table, but the team is about your collective wisdom and serving the community – not one idea winning over another.
- The work will be about figuring out what we need to do differently in the community to get us to our desired goal. Our current ways of doing things get us to our present state. What do we need to do differently to reach our goals?

Team member Dan Kennedy offered up copies of the following books to team members to read to inform the conversation, and most members picked up a copy of at least one book:

- Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell
- The Global Achievement Gap by Tony Wagner
- Tough Choices or Tough Times: The report of the new commission on the skills of the American workforce by the National Center on Education and the Economy

Homework: Read book if so choose
Invite others to the table

February Meeting – Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 4:00 pm (note time change from 3:30)

- Clear goal statement
- Measures

March – what needs to be in place?