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### October 28, 2014

### 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### Hall County Schools

*711 Green Street*

*Gainesville, GA 30501*

* **Meeting called to order:** Robert Riedinger called to order the first meeting of the 2019-2020 WBL/YAP Advisory Committee at 11:35 a.m. on September 25, 2019.
* **Members in attendance:**

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* **Invitees not in attendance:**

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| Mike Holman | Ben Corley | Sandra Simon-Grindy | Janice Thao |
| Shelley Davis | Dennis Stockton | Emily Hayes |  |
| Curt Sloyer | Olivia Ethridge | Sandra Stringer |  |

**Welcome and Introduction:** Upon arrival, each member and guest were welcomed and provided with a name tag. Everyone was invited to pick up their lunch provided by Firehouse Subs. Robert opened the meeting and the minutes from the last meeting were approved. We have nine new members to the committee this year; each member stood and introduced himself/herself. Robert also asked each member to complete the Member Update Form, and he reviewed the Board Action Summary Sheet, which outlines upcoming events per school that WBL Coordinators need help with. Any member available to help with a particular event should contact the corresponding WBL Coordinator.

**Current Business:**

Maria Martinez, student at Flowery Branch High School, discussed her internship at LCCA.

Maria is the manager of Corner Café, while also managing the pastry program at LCCA. She is a Culinary Arts pathway completer, ServSafe certified, is Dual Enrolled at Early College, and is President of FCCLA. Maria shared pictures of pastries she has created, and indicated she wants to attend UGA upon graduation and major in Food Science.

## Minutes 09-25-19

# WBL/YAP Advisory Committee

* Rhonda Samples invited members to attend lunch and food tastings offered at the Bistro at LCCA throughout the year. She also suggested having one of our meetings at the Bistro this year to sample the food and see our students at work.
* Holli Howard reviewed the WBL program as a whole, and explained that the program involves more than just placing student in the workforce. For instance, coordinators are responsible for coordinating industry tours, mock interviews, guest speakers, career fairs, job shadows, elementary career lessons, and presenting at the YAP State Conference, just to name a few.
* Rhonda Samples thanked new advisory members and explained that she is now CEO at LCCA as well as continuing to serve as CTAE Director for Hall County Schools. She introduced Heather Barrett, who is now Assistant CTAE Director for Hall County Schools, and Deana Harper, who is CTAE Lead/STEM Coordinator at NHHS as well as Hall County WBL Coordinator. Kristi Sims, NHHS, is part-time Marketing and part-time WBL, and KayLynn Samples is a new part-time WBL Coordinator at NHHS.
* Rhonda also gave an update on Perkins V, which involves federal funds to support WBL programs. Perkins V is presently under reauthorization, and in part states that WBL programs must now tie activities to needs assessments, in order to prove that our programs are working with businesses as well as educators. There are two main areas under reauthorization nationwide: career tech pathways and WBL programs. Rhonda will update as more information becomes available.
* Rhonda provided members with a copy of all career pathways offered in Hall County schools this year, and reminded them that WBL experience is the capstone upon completion of a pathway.
* There is a new automotive program being offered this year at CHS. YouScience results indicated this was a high area of interest for students and thus helped drive the initiative to offer this program at CHS.
* Cherokee Bluff Middle School is offering Engineering Technology and Marketing classes this year, in addition to the Health Science classes already offered. Pathway courses offered beginning in middle school 1)allow students to bridge the gap between middle and high school more easily, 2) complete pathways by Sophomore year thus leaving two years for WBL experience, and 3) to complete multiple pathways.
* LCCA is hosting YouScience training during October; a middle school version is also being rolled out this year.
* Rhonda also mentioned a new College & Career Coordinator is being hired to assist with Dual Enrollment efforts between LCCA and Lanier Tech.
* Deana Harper mentioned that a SWOT analysis is being conducted on the district level. WBL Coordinators will discuss findings and report back to the committee in January.
* Deana also mentioned that Hall County is once again hosting the State WBL Conference at Lake Lanier Islands October 28-30. We are expecting approximately 400 people to be in attendance.
* As committee members are speaking with other business partners in the community, Robert discussed several talking points to aid in the discussion, such as: great way to get employees in the pipeline, qualified part-time labor, students training in the field, paid or unpaid, flexible hours, and opportunity to give back to community by partnering with local schools
* Robert led members in a goal setting activity for 2019-2020 school year. Table members were asked to generate ideas in the following areas:
  + - 5K Race suggestions
    - Community activities—how can WBL be involved in your organization’s activities?
    - Various community boards members sit on—can WBL Coordinator’s come and speak?
    - Now hiring/employment opportunities
    - Format/location of Advisory meetings—suggestions for changes?
    - WBL internship placements—do you know anyone?
    - Miscellaneous/other input

**Current Business:**

* Dana Miller and Jennifer Gross, with Junior Achievement, presented an opportunity for middle school students to “experience their future” at the Discovery Center in Forsyth County. Middle School teachers teach 17 lessons to students prior to taking them to the Discovery Center. Once lessons are completed, 6th grade students have the opportunity to visit JA Biztown, where they experience running a simulated economy. 8th grade students visit JA Finance Park, where they learn how to manage resources in a personal finance setting. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to connect classroom learning with real world experiences. Dana asked for volunteers to assist at the Discovery Center, and said they will receive training the day they come to help. More Discovery Centers are being built around the state, and Dana mentioned that JA’s goal is to eventually serve 90% of the students in the state of Georgia.

**Adjournment:** Robert dismissed the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

January 8, 2020

April 1, 2020

May 28, 2020