



REPORT FOR 03.17.14

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

Meeting held Tuesday, March 4th @ 9am with Brian Hunt, Superintendent, Edmeston Central School District to discuss STEM collaboration between BOCES and schools in the region. Attendees were Carolyn Lewis, Brian Hunt, Christian Mercurio. Highlights:

- Edmeston is taking the next step in regional STEM curriculum development; affiliating with Project Lead The Way and adjacent school districts to expand High School STEM and introduce Middle School programs.
- Superintendents in Otsego County are in regular communication on this, and are advancing the ball.
- Gateway to Technology programs being proposed for Edmeston:
 - Robotics & CAD modules
 - Principles of Engineering
 - Computer-Integrated Manufacturing - 3-D Printer & CNC Machine
- Includes retrofit of wood shop into mini CGAM-style laboratory
- Have applied to Community Foundation and Home Depot for Funding
- Edmeston is actively seeking to build the student pipeline to Herkimer College, FMCC, and SUNY-IT programs.

Action Items:

- This has good potential for the 2014 Opportunity Agenda project for MVREDC
- Connect Edmeston to OHM BOCES (Howard Mettleman)
- Analyze project proposals, sources & uses; provide technical assistance on project development and budget for training v/s capital equipment purchase - Identify appropriate agencies and CFA resources (LGE, ESD,...)

SUMMIT PLANNING

Conference call held Wednesday, March 5th @ 8:45am with Summit Planning team. Follow-up meeting was held at 8am on Monday, March 10th @ Herkimer Chamber. Attendees by phone and in-person included Nick Matt, Dr. Hutton, Larry Gilroy, Dr. Geer, Dan Robinson, Chuck Green, Mayor Thane, Carolyn Lewis, Ken Tompkins, Christian Mercurio. Highlights:

- A list of stakeholders was generated and expanded upon. Current list exceeds 250 individuals and continues to grow/evolve.
- Content and schedule underwent significant revisions
- Consensus achieved for **April 30th @ Herkimer College.**

Action Items:

- An updated stakeholder list and draft agenda was circulated to the committee on March 12th.
- Checking schedules for potential speakers/moderators
- Keynote candidate(s) to be determined no later than March 17th.
- Save the Dates will need to go out no later than March 20th.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- Terms for HCR & ESD still under review/revision
- PD Meeting scheduled for 9:30-11:30 am on March 20th @ GEMS Along the Mohawk Conference Room.

OUTREACH & INFORMATION

- MVREDC Sustainability Project Slideshow showcased at Oneonta Sustainability Summit on Saturday, March 1st to more than 150 individuals, including representatives from NYSERDA and former SUNY-ESF President Neil Murphy.
- Kilmer engaging chamber leadership across the region; working to identify potential dates and formats for chamber events featuring MVREDC panelists
- New e-communications platform for newsletters implemented; undergoing evaluation and making recommendations for improvement based on feedback
- Phase 1 website revisions complete: <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/content/mohawk-valley>

