

## **NOTES FROM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING**

**What strategies can we use to help all students be career ready?**

1. Attitude and Life Skills
  - a. Willingness to work and learn
  - b. Being accountable for self and others
  - c. Character building
  - d. Respect
  - e. Honesty
2. Communication
  - a. Listening skills
  - b. Speaking skills
  - c. Awareness of non-verbal cues
3. Critical Thinking
  - a. Problem solving
  - b. Higher order thinking skills
  - c. Ability to reason
4. Employability Skills
  - a. Ability to work with others/teamwork
  - b. Punctuality
  - c. Self-directed work—able to see what needs to be done and doing it
  - d. Workmanship/craftsmanship
  - e. Ability to multi-task
  - f. Time management
  - g. Basic reading, writing, and math skills

**What programs or courses should we offer to prepare our students for careers in our future economy?**

1. Consumer Math—ability to count change and do practical math skills
2. Ethics
3. Communications
4. Agricultural Science

- a. Crop Science
  - b. Farm Management
  - c. Agricultural Technology
  - d. Business Management
  - e. Agricultural Marketing
  - f. Future Farmers of America
- 5. Technology
  - a. Computer Programming
  - b. Troubleshooting
  - c. Graphic Design
- 6. Medical
  - a. Certified Nurse Assistant
  - b. First responder/CPR
  - c. Medical Aide
- 7. Family and Consumer Science—Adult Living
- 8. Industrial Technology
  - a. Construction
  - b. Welding
  - c. Basic plumbing and electrical
  - d. Auto body
  - e. Engine Repair

**What are the resources our school and community needs in order to prepare our students for careers in our future economy?**

#### **SCHOOL**

- 1. Professional Development/Teacher training
- 2. Early Aptitude tests for students
- 3. Job Shadowing/Internships
- 4. 1:1 initiatives for technology
- 5. Career exploration/"real life" introduction to vocations

6. Auxiliary Gym for community and school use
7. Tools and supplies

## **COMMUNITY**

1. Job shadowing opportunities
2. Affordable housing
3. Active Involvement—volunteer time
4. Recreational Opportunities
  - a. Nice Pool
  - b. Park Improvements
  - c. Golf course
  - d. Recreational center
5. Improve connections with the school

## **What are the strengths of our Career Education system?**

1. Business education
2. Staff takes an active interest in our students
  - People who care
3. Industrial Tech classes
4. Consumer science
5. Technology

## **What are the weaknesses of our Career Education system?**

1. No Ag, FFA

2. Need more “Hands On” skills
  - motor, welding, electrical, plumbing
3. Basics
  - measuring, counting money, handwriting/spelling

**What are our opportunities to change our Career Education system?**

1. Employer connections
  - giving information to students
  - processes at each facility
2. Apply concepts to businesses, processes locally
3. Information to students about careers in the area