

\*Proposed Meeting Minutes\*

## Career and Education Advisory Council

Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 1 p.m.

Location: DESC Offices, 115 Erskine, Detroit, MI 48201

**Chair: Alycia Meriweather, Detroit Public Schools Community District**

### **Attendees:**

- Members – Alycia Meriweather, Mark Gaffney, Diane Antishin, Ron Stallworth, Monique Ellis, Dr. Colbert
- Staff – Dana Williams, Rachel May, Chauncey Samuel, Stephanie Nixon, Misty Evans, Robert Shimkoski
- Guests – Shawn Hill, Arese Robinson, Wilder Wetzels-Righettini, Trey’ Von Holston

The meeting of the Career & Education Advisory Council was called to order at 1:13 p.m. by Chairperson Meriweather.

### **Approval of April Agenda and December Minutes**

Chairperson Meriweather called for a motion to approve. Moved by Dr. Colbert. Seconded by Mr. Stallworth. Approved.

### **Roundtable Updates**

- Diane Antishin (DTE Energy): Ms. Antishin highlighted DTE’s partnership with DPSCD noting 11 career-related events since the beginning of the year under that partnership. She highlighted two summer internship programs including their partnership with DESC and the GDYT program as well as DTE’s Impact program at Cody High School.
- **Chairperson Meriweather (DPSCD):** Ms. Meriweather highlighted DPSCD/CEAC metrics noting enrollment numbers and work-based learning experience programs. She continued by highlighting five pride points in the city of Detroit including an Early Middle College Students Cohort at Henry Ford High School, 30 Renaissance Students participating in virtual college course with Lawrence Tech at Randolph CTC, an Ariss NASA Space Station event held at Davis Aerospace High School, the Permission to Dream event at Randolph Career and Technical Center and Beyond the Baseline, a mentoring program with the Detroit Pistons.

Questions and comments from board members ensued.

### **Presentation: Career Exploration Model & Spring Internships**

Shawn Hill, Deputy Executive Director, College and Career Readiness, DPSCD, opened the presentation by highlighting the work-based learning continuum, which includes four focus areas: Awareness (designed to introduce students to various career opportunities aligned with career paths); Exploration (Exploring career and postsecondary options specific to the student’s

area of interest); Preparation (Apply learning through practical experience that develops employability and transferable skills necessary for success in college & careers); Training (students gain competency and develop mastery of occupation-specific tasks and skills.)

Questions and comments from board members ensued.

Arese Robinson continued the presentation with highlighting DPSCD's Spring Student Internship Program. This 6-week paid professional internship with local employers, features classroom instruction of essential skills, one-on-one mentoring with opportunity to enhance career materials such as a resume, professional reference letter, headshot, and LinkedIn profile. Students receive real-life work experiences in a professional environment and on-the-job skills training. Participating students earn a stipend of up to \$1440 working consistent hours for 6 weeks with an employer partner.

Guest speaker and Cass Tech student Wilder Wetzel-Righettini shared his experience in the Urban Alliance Internship program, noting he's been placed at Rocket Central Technology and says he's "really found my place here. I am treated like a team member, and it has been the best experience of my life." He noted that the program has prepared him extremely well for the workforce and for college.

Guest speaker and Crockett Midtown student Trey'Von Holston has participated in two internships, first at Henry Ford Hospital and currently at Veterans Hospital, starting in the pharmacy department and later learning about forensic science. Mr. Holston says, "I want to go on to be a medical doctor," and says he gained knowledge about medicine and worked in the neurologist department where he shadowed doctors and technicians.

Questions and comments from board members ensued.

### **Presentation: Summer 2023 Grow Detroit's Young Talent Model & Program Expectations**

Stephanie Nixon, Chief Programs Officer at DESC highlighted GDYT metrics, noting the participation rate continues to stay over 8000 each year. She highlighted fundraising outcomes, participation rates and noted 85% of youth earned an industry recognized credential in a high-growth, high-demand career path. Other metrics included the number of youths who successfully opened a fee-free bank account which included over 1000 since 2019.

The presentation continued with a look at GDYT's 2023 goals, noting it expects to serve over 8000 youth with a fundraising goal of \$13.8M. It closed with a look at a GDYT success story, highlighting Eneas Watts, a GDYT Junior Police Cadet who started with GDYT at age 14, continued her summer work experiences with Little Scholars Daycare for 2 years and in 2022, worked with Microworks Training & Employment Services earning a credential in Digital Business Development and Entrepreneurship. She also attended David Pressley School of Cosmetology and is a licensed cosmetologist who opened her own business, Eneas Styles.

Questions and comments from board members ensued.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was given.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Diane Antishin, seconded by Dr. Colbert. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.