

Youth Council
 Workforce Investment Board of Will County
 Workforce Center of Will County
 2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, IL
November 6, 2018
Minutes

Council Members					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Nancy Baldwin		X	Monica Lowe	X	
Gloria Dollinger	X		Cheryl McCarthy	X	
Susan Flessner	X		Marieta Pergi	X	
Taryn Griffin	X		Keri Peter	X	
Mike Hennessy	X		Michele Smith	X	
Neal Kauffman	X		Michele Stipe	X	
Elizabeth Kaufman	X		Ben Stortz		X
Staff and Guests					
Mary Gajcak	Caroline Portlock				

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Stipe called the meeting to order. The minutes of the July 3, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Flessner, seconded by Lowe.

Connect to Your Future Program: Lowe gave the Academic Skills Improvement Report, and remarked that there is an increasing number of students entering internships. Pergi updated the Committee on the State Award Winner, Michael Tezak, who has flourished throughout his involvement in the Connect to Your Future Program.

Peter reported that the required number of students served in the JJC Occupational Skills PY18 Contract, which began on July 1st, has nearly been surpassed. She noted that the number of males has decreased. The department is looking into ways to help students to follow through once in the program.

New Business

McCarthy announced that she will be retiring from Joliet Township High School at the end of June, and will therefore be leaving the Workforce Investment Board at that time. She announced that Susan Flessner will be taking over the co-chair position on the Youth Council at that time.

Portlock reviewed the 2019 Meeting Dates calendar. Beginning in January of 2019, the Youth Council will meet quarterly, on the second Wednesday of that month. Connect to Your Future Program reporting will now take place on a quarterly basis.

Youth Provider Events/Activities:

Gajcak reported that the You-Tube Video presentation from the Digital Safety Workshop of September 27th has been made available on the WIB website, as well as the WCWC website. She reviewed workshop topics from the last two years, and asked for input for future workshop topics. Some topic suggestions were: Emergency Crisis Training, Domestic Violence, and Substance Abuse.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Youth Council will be January 9, 2019, at the Workforce Center of Will County, 2400 Glenwood, Joliet, at 7:30 am.