

## **Manufacturer's Round Table**

July 8, 2020

Dickinson Middle School

Meeting Record

**Present:** Steven Easton, DSU; Deb Dragseth, DSU; Mary Urlacher, Job Service ND, Shon Hocker, Dickinson Public Schools; Erwin VanVeldhuizen, Dream It Do It Program; Ryan Jilek, Stark Development Corporation and Danita Tysver, Stark Development Corporation.

### **Business – Go – Round:**

Steve Easton, DSU – Dr. Dragseth has been appointed Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Planning school to be face to face this fall. Athletics are a go. Hosting a community testing event tomorrow at the BAC. Currently talking with high schools in Stark County about the early entry program. Returning and new student enrollment is running a little ahead for fall. Short on credential teachers.

Deb Dragseth, DSU – DSU has been approved to form a School of Education. The School of Education will be led by Dr. Joan Oigawa Aus.

Discussion took place about internship scholarship opportunities.

Mary Urlacher, Job Service ND – Job Service used to be a workforce center and is now changing to more of an unemployment office. Local offices are now able to help handle unemployment claims. There has been a 44% decrease in job openings from last year. As of March 15, there was 97,178 initial claims filed in North Dakota. The office has been closed to the public, but employees are still working. The PPP will end July 25<sup>th</sup>. The region has 503 job openings. Employers are still listing openings and people are looking for jobs. Trainings are still being scheduled. Only taking appointments at this time. Employers who have employees refusing to return to work can call Job Service to report them. See attached handout.

Shon Hocker, Dickinson Public Schools – Diligently working to develop a re-entry plan. Surveys were sent to parents to gauge the percentage of students who will be attending on campus or online learning. Some parents are less proactive about sending kids back to school. Looking at creating a blended learning approach. With parents concerned and interested in online learning, the Governor will need to approve online schooling. Plan to have extracurricular activities. DPS has prepared a letter of intent to purchase the Halliburton facility for the CTE center. Their offer was accepted. They are currently in the 30 day due diligence phase. Looking into state assistance and partnership costs. The fire marshal has inspected the property and they have talked with the city regarding zoning. Checking to make sure there is no environmental concerns. The school board will be meeting on Monday. Staffing of the facility could be a concern.

Ryan Jilek, Stark Development Corporation – Working to promote the 2020 Census. Have a booth set up weekly at 1<sup>st</sup> on 1<sup>st</sup>. Will also have a booth at the Big Sticks game. If your business needs Census materials let us know. The Department of Health is working to get nonnative residents ingrained into the community. Have been busy developing a Stark Strong Campaign to increase awareness for buying local. Start-up Your Day is tomorrow morning, Shannon Halvorson will be speaking, and Donut Hole will be sponsoring the refreshments.

Erwin VanVeldhuizen, Dream It Do It Program – The ambassadors were unable to attend the schools last year so they developed a video for the teachers to use in their curriculum. Steffes is

slow, Fisher's is looking for employees, Baker Boy is doing well and KMM is also slow. Not sure if the Manufacturing Day event will be able to happen.

**Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 2:30 PM, location to be determined.**