Secrets of Successful Collaboration



Smithtown Industry Advisory Board





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Our focus is:

- Curriculum Enrichment
- Career Development Activities⁽

For all students K – 12.



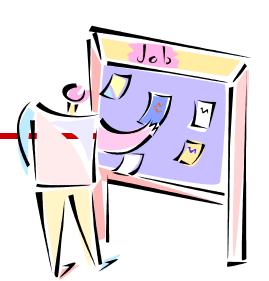




Industry Advisory Board

- 150+ members
- 26 years young
- We meet 5 times a year; average 85 members a meeting.
- We meet at the HS Library, 3 5 p.m.
- 1st half hour is group discussion;
 Committee work is scheduled for the remainder of the time.







We Are All Volunteers!

- The pay back for volunteers is largely an emotional one.
- Business networking.
- Volunteers usually stay around for 3-5 years.











Stakeholders

- Parents
- Industry –
- College reps
- Educators
- Administrators
- Students
- Government reps

- Value education
- Workforce readiness
- Prepared students
- Resources for
- classroom/projects.
 - **District reputation**
 - Self esteem
- Doors of opportunity.
 - Good Citizens





Ideal Member

The ideal member is a:

- Smithtown alumni,
- Who lives in the district,



- Has children attending our schools,
- Represents a local corporation, and
- The spouse teaches for the district or a local college.





Why Do Members Remain Loyal?

- Members need to feel they have made a contribution at each meeting.
- Members need to feel "in the loop" of the group's activities.

"Spread the news!"

- Tell everyone everything.
- Ask everyone for a suggestion.





Communication Keys



Website

Email



All members receive an email each week. All web pages are updated daily or weekly.



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What Makes Us Different?

- Continuity in leadership.
- Consistency in meeting structure and operations.
- Communication network is established.
- Cordial members are friendly.
- Creative we think outside the box.
- Committed the District is committed to this organization.
- Crazy we have fun at all our meetings.





Points Not to Overlook

- Set meeting dates in June of the prior school year.
- Keep time and place of meeting constant.
- Prepare "readable" nametags.
- Issue parking passes.
- Maps to school.
- Constant recognition of members.



Organizational Structure



- Many chairs and co-chairs.
 - Each committee has 4 leaders: 2 from industry and 2 educators. Plan ahead for absences.
- Accountability.
 - Minutes from each committee are posted to the website.
 - Pictures, pictures, pictures.







Coordinator's Position

- 1/3 IAB operations.
- 1/3 Co-operative Work Experience and Career Planning
- 1/3 Business networking.
- In addition: CDOS/Career Planning Task Force, Greater Smithtown Educational Foundation and the new Smithtown Alumni Association.







What Do We Do?

Ideas are generated from the: 5

- Educational staff
- Students
- Parents
- Alumni
- Industry and college representatives





