

**Business Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 30, 2016 - 8:30 am**  
**Springboro High School Library**

**Attendees:**

*Stakeholders:*

Brad Frost, George Mourozis, Shelley Miles, Marsha Kelley, Mike Lee, Chris Pozzuto, Damon Morris, Tim Lofton, and Maggie Hess

*Springboro Staff:*

Andrea Cook, Kyle Martin, Ashley McGuire, and Dan Schroer.

**The meeting began with a student presentation:**

Students in the Digital Media Arts and Programming Software Development Tech Prep programs at Springboro High School presented their Shawnee State Art and Technology Gaming Conference presentation to Springboro's Business Advisory Committee on November 30th. The WCCC/Springboro Satellite programs had three groups present to the committee. Curtain Call, with team members Nicholas Duncan, Jake Langenderfer and Jake Brown, took first place. Their project was a proof-of-concept virtual reality horror game that allowed users to play on their mobile device with the use of Google cardboard and a hand-held controller. Wizard Wars, with team members Robbie Skrinak and Elie Dahdah, came in second place. They created a 3D first person action game where they had to defeat ghosts in a wizard world. In third place was Simply Smashing with team members, Trevor McNutt, Olivia Porter and Patrick Grigsby. Their team created 3D models and graphics of a multi-level wrecking ball simulator where players destroy structures.

**Purpose of the group:**

To come together and talk about the future of Springboro Schools, to change education for the positive, work together to develop goals for post-secondary education and/or careers. The following comments were also made:

- Students do not know how to work with their hands. They don't come to work and they are always on their phones.
- Students need to be made aware of the many manufacturing options in SW Ohio.
- Angelia Erbaugh with the Dayton Region Manufacturers Association would be a great contact.
- Springboro Schools should set up a "Manufacturing Day" for students. Our students need to see the "other side" of the world.
- A "Parent Summit" would be a great event to educate parents.

*During the meeting, our committee discussed four questions:*

**What is the current perception of Springboro Schools?**

- Wonderful, positive, graduate success, respect and value of our schools
- Most people live in this community because of our schools
- Students who have other interests than college don't feel welcome.
- Perception is that if a student goes to the career center, they will not go to college. This is completely false and we need to work on changing that perception.

**Does the perception need to be changed? If so, how can it be changed?**

- Better education of students for options in future.
- Bring different trade people in for career days, use the word diversify.
- Possibly create a parent summit to educate parents on manufacturing jobs, what the career center offers, and college credit plus, etc.
- Bring back alumni to serve as mentors and “examples of excellence” for students.

**How will Springboro Schools be positioned in 5 years? In 10 years?**

- Build our community strong, kids more independent and respectful.
- Teach interviewing skills, finances, build on educating the “whole” child.
- Stop using the word “gifted.”
- Academics need to relate to the real world, how does the real world work?
- Use data to make decisions in the classroom, building, and district.
- Business classes are important.
- Tap into the community for a “speaker’s bureau.” These community leaders can speak to classes about careers and the need for lifelong learning.
- Our school district needs to focus on the “middle students.” Great resources are being spent on gifted and special education students. The “middle students” are not receiving the same support.
- Springboro Schools can be a state wide leader.

**How can the Business Advisory Council lead education and economic development over the next 5 years?**

- Mentoring students and going in to the classrooms to observe.
- Focus on the “middle students.”
- Teach students how to be resilient.
- Teach students about the expectations for the workplace.
- We need to involve more parents in the education of the students.

**Next Meeting:** April 19, 2017 at 4:00 pm – Location TBD