Introductions

Couple of new folks – manufacturer businesses – aluminum and heater elements/metal fabrication

Mark Cotner, Director of COSSA Professional Technical Program

COSSA – five districts – pooling resources – their own Board of Trustees
COSSA Programs – Nursing, Construction, Industrial Welding, Automated Engineering, Electronics, Diesel and Auto Mechanic

College level coursework – ISU curriculum – also working with CWI

No articulation of credits

Placement – 96% successfully placed – 49% to post secondary, 51% to workforce

ROI – is solid, graduates produce, salaries generated, etc.

Programs have come and gone – change as industry changes

COSSA – also provides an alternative high school – “Centerpoint” and special ed, and gifted students

COSSA – serves 1,100 students annually – population base to draw from = 10,000 people

Overview of the COSSA Regional Technology Center

55,845 sq. feet (44,015 sf finished, 11,830 sf “shelled”)

Square footage for PTE = about 25,000

EDA grant funding – stimulus funding – used to build

Steel donated

Construction started in November

Needed matching funds – supplemental levy (one district, Marsing, missed by three votes – only about 200 voters) – the other five districts ran levies and they succeeded – with high pass rates. Second time around with Marsing was hugely successful
COSSA runs operating levies on a yearly basis – yearly operating budget =$ ??

Property Committee – waiting for the property owners to decide what they are going to do

Annexation is pending

Grant status – Rathdrum is first one the waiting list

Equipment – John Chambers and others prepared a list of equipment that will be needed – looking to develop a cost estimate (the architects are doing this work) – Doug Anderson provided the lists for Auto and Welding

Next step – look at the list and find donations

Marketing Committee – website developed, power-point done, brochure ready for print

Top 50 businesses in the region to be identified and promotion of KTEC will take place with them – to get their buy in – and have the promote KTEC

Campus Committee – members have spoken to education space authorities to get space requirements

Joint School District Board Meeting – still needs to be planned

Vicki – reminded the committee of the EMSI Kootenai County Educational Gap Analysis

Next Meeting – April 9th