

HARFORD COUNTY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**September 20, 2016**

**8:00-10:00 a.m.**

Members Present:

Katie Campbell, Jeanne Donlick, Joy Pelt, Linda Siegel, Mikale Brutus, Bill Grzanowski, Stacie Umbarger, Robert Limpert, Mary Beth Stapleton, John Mayhorne, Tom Kraft, Chas Hagan, Karen Goodman, Patrice Ricciardi, Joan Betzold

The meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson Patrice Ricciardi

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Administrative Matters**

Went around the room and introduced ourselves. Welcomed the new members. Meeting minutes from the May 24, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

- **Carl D. Perkins Grant for 2016-17**

Robert Limpert announced that the Perkins Grant was officially awarded, money was distributed and that spending it had already started.

Robert Limpert also talked about the five-year plan. Under the short term goals, the amending of the Academy of Health Professions program has been completed, approved and all legality issues have been resolved and it is set to be on board for testing this year. Also the Career Research and Development program amendment to include apprenticeships and dual enrollment opportunities has been completed and received approval via email. We are expecting to hear from MSDE that it has been officially been approved any day. Katie Campbell and Rob Limpert will be presenting it to the GCC committee in October.

The Dual enrollment opportunity will add the college readiness part to the CRD program and give the student a good taste of college in a controlled environment.

The apprenticeship program is now a pre-apprenticeship program because we realized that students really can't get in the hours needed while still in high school. Working with Dr. Zoann Parker and her new assistant from HCC and they are working on getting us a flyer with all the information on their end. There will be also be a financial commitment on the student's end which we are very leery of because why would our students pay to do a pre-apprenticeship. We are still working out the logistics of a reduced salary so that the cost will be paid for but they will still be getting paid. Similar to an apprenticeship where they deduct dues for their tools and things like that.

Robert Limpert also talked about our Reserve Grants. We applied for 4 reserve grants and received all 4 of them. They aren't huge grants but they range from \$2,000 to

\$8000 dollars and they had to be for specific programs. They helped offset the cost for our middle school Gateway programs. The registration fees which are \$750 dollars per site. We are now fully on board with all of our middle schools. Three more came on board this year. There was also funding for the Academy of Health Professions.

- **CTE Update from MSDE**

MSDE, when it comes to the Business Management and Finance pathway it is up and running in all of our comprehensive high schools. We are in year 2 even though it is our first year of implementing the new program of study. The reason we are in year 2 is because the first course remained the same from the old pathway to the new pathway. So any students who took Business Management last year in 9<sup>th</sup> grade were able to transition into the new pathway.

Mr. Limpert also sits on the Board for the Business Management and Finance Pathway for the state and earlier last year they came up with the proposal to change the pathway to include entrepreneurship. The committee voted and unfortunately it was voted down with the plan to revisit it this year. Then we got an email from MSDE on July 1 that said the Business Management and Finance Pathway had been changed to include entrepreneurship. HCPS since we are still in the faze in of the new one we will not be going to implement the new changes which are minimal until not next year but the following year and that change is for the most part is in title only. The first foundation course is called Business Management and they changed it to Business Management and Entrepreneurship. If you look at the course content, there is about a two-week section on entrepreneurship that has been thrown in. Then in the final course students have a multitude of options they can do. They can do an internship, a capstone, or two college class at HCC where they would earn 6 credit in a year. MSDE has now included an entrepreneurship capstone. Most of our school will be pushing the 2 classes at HCC.

- **Board of Education Annual Report**

Patrice Ricciardi briefly went over each one of the Short-Term, Mid-Term and Long-Term Goals that are listed in the Annual Report which will be presented to the Board on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Beth Stapleton talked briefly about the HCPS Partnership Network Site that has been developed to offer a place where school system needs and community partnership opportunities can be matched to maximize resources.

Robert Limpert briefly updated the progress on the Interactive Media Production Program of Study, the MSDE Transportation, Logistics, Manufacturing study and wastewater treatment operations option.

Patrice Ricciardi updated the committee on the Computer Science program at Havre de Grace High school. She stated that the program is on hold waiting on the new building to be built. She also talked about increasing the number of students in the PLTW Biomedical and Pre-Engineering programs by expanding to other schools. Robert Limpert talked briefly about the funding cost issues with trying to expand the program.

- **Open Dialogue**

Bill Grzanowski mentioned that he graduated from C. Milton Wright High and asked when the changes to HTHS happened or how it evolved to what it is today. It was explained that a lot of the changes occurred because of labor market and state and community push towards increasing programs.

It was asked if there were any business partners that would like to step up and talk briefly about who they are, what they do. It really gives the committee much more of an idea of how we can help you and how you can help us. We would like one person a meeting to do a quick five-minute presentation.

- **Closing Comments/Adjourn**

Reminder of the Board meeting in October 24<sup>th</sup> when the Annual Report will be presented. Please come and show your support of these programs.

Went around the room for anyone that had closing comments. Motion was made to adjourn by Joan Betzold.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 1, 2016**, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Cobra's Cove, Harford Technical High School.

\*Inclement weather policy: if schools are delayed or closed, the meeting will be canceled.