

HARFORD COUNTY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**November 7, 2018**

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

Members Present:

Joan Betzold, Mikale Brutus, Katie Campbell, Joseph Collins, Edward Davidson, Jeanne Donlick, Bill Grzanowski, Hanna Hartsock, Kelly Koermer, Robert Limpert, Joy Pelt, Patrice Ricciardi, Joseph Ricci, Stephen Smallidge, Dave Thomey, Stacie Umbarger.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- **Administrative Matters**  
Patrice Ricciardi asked is everyone had a chance to review the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Joy Pelt and seconded by Joan Betzold. She then reviewed the agenda.
- **Welcome and AOF update**  
Mr. Limpert welcomed everyone and let everyone know that he is going to try and bring up at least one of our programs at each meeting. The first one is Academy of Finance.

The Academy of Finance program is one of our signature programs which means that it is a program that is housed at one of our comprehensive high schools. It is an exclusive offering to the students who attend that high school. We do offer to students if there are seats available in the comprehensive school to put in a boundary exception to attend. So, if you were a student that would be attending C. Milton Wright High and wanted to be in the Academy of Finance you would file for a boundary exception to attend Edgewood High and then work with the Guidance Counselors to be a student in that program. You would also have to have mom or dad drive you there. We have had usually one or two students every year participate in the Academy of Finance through a boundary exception.

The gentleman that is the coordinator of the program (Austin Hill) is a fantastic salesman. He was a former teacher at Edgewood High and he left for a position in Baltimore City realized the grass was not greener and came back to Harford County and has been overseeing the Academy of Finance program for the last couple of years. Mr. Hill has really rejuvenated the program. Our goal as a system is to have 200 students in the program, which would be 50 students a year. Our largest challenge with the Academy of Finance is that the student participating in the program must do a paid internship between their junior and senior year. Our students are also required to take one HCC course as part of the program. So, we are always in need of companies to step up and offer an internship to one of these students. If you are unable to do so because of company policies, we have also come up with a concept where your company can donate funds to a grant and then we figure out ways to employ them and have the grant pay their internship.

Academy of Finance is part of the National Academy Foundation. Students receive certification at the end as well as employment options. Some of the employment options are phenomenal. If you have time look up NAF.

So, if anyone on the Citizen Advisory committee has business contacts please get them in contact with us and we will get them in contact with Mr. Hill.

- **CTE Grant updates**

This goes hand in hand with the direction Harford County Public Schools is going in. HCPS is in a little bit of a financial need. We have systemwide implemented a spending freeze. In regard to the grants they are also freezing them. If the purchase is for direct application for students (ex. a computer, welding machine etc.) we are to go ahead with the purchase. If it is for professional development, continued training of staff and conferences we have been told to cancel and try to get those funds reallocated.

- **Group discussion on CTE needs**

Moving forward we would like everyone to come to our next meeting in January with an area that you think the Harford County CTE could look at to address as part of a program of study. We have had minimal expansion in the last several years. We did add the Interactive Media at Patterson Mill High School and we have done a little bit of re-alignment with the moving the Animal Science program from here to North Harford High and moving the Teacher Academy of Maryland from the nine comprehensive high schools to Harford Technical High School. But we really have not expanded programs. So, we are at the point here where financially we have not been able to expand programs and Perkins is a chunk of money really designed to enhance programs. It's difficult to take that money to enhance one program because we rely on that money to maintain all our programs. If we allocate a large amount or all of it to one program, then all the other programs would suffer that year. So, keeping that in mind we are trying to have some help in coming with ideas. We can always look at data. We get data from the Susquehanna Workforce Network and one of the things we did look at in partnership with Cecil and Baltimore Counties was Distribution, Logistics and Transportation. Not maritime which Baltimore City has. We were really looking at Truck and train transportation. We are thinking of starting it small in a route 40 area school. But that is something we are kicking around. If you guys have ideas or know of something from conversations, please bring it to the next meeting.

- **CTE updates from Kirwan Commission**

If you are interested in reading the Kirwan Commission, please feel free to look it up at this link below

<http://dls.maryland.gov/pubs/prod/NoPblTabMtg/CmsnInnovEduc/WorkingGroup3ElementsDraft.pdf>

- **MSDE Monitoring Visit Update**

The monitoring visit is scheduled for March. There is a large packet that needs to be completed by HCC and HCPS. The goal is to have it done by December and share it with this committee or at least give an overview of it at our January meeting. One of the big things that concerns us is we must do a SWOT chart (our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats). When we looked at the last one that Susan Garrett did in 2014 a lot of our threats have really hit home hard.

- **CAC BOE report format for 2018-19**

Normally by this point we are giving you a summary of our Board of Education Report but Dr. Bulson decided he wants to change things up with the way the citizen advisory committees do their presentations. They will let us know when we will need to present. We will let you know as soon as we know so that you can be there in the audience if you would like to be.

- **Open Dialogue**

Reminder of the homework the Mr. Limpert has asked of everyone. Question was asked if there was something that we had that would let business know what the steps are to give an internship position to a student. We will ask MaryBeth Stapleton to come and present that information at our March meeting. Kelly Koermer will also see if HCC's counterpart to MaryBeth can also come to the March meeting. Joan Betzold reminded everyone of the dangers of texting while driving. Her son was in an accident on I95 because of someone texting. Kelly Koermer mentioned that on Friday at 1pm HCC is having the Futures Summit. Mr. Ricci mentioned that he recently was in a meeting and received a presentation on the New Perkins legislation. If anyone would like a copy of it, they can get in touch with Susquehanna Work Force Network and they would be happy to provide you with a copy. Upper Chesapeake is doing an event and Freedom Federal is the sponsor for the festival of trees which benefits Cancer Life Net. The second and third week of December another event to benefit Cancer Life Net is wrapping gifts at the mall for a fee. The progress of the Computer Science program was asked. The program has been tabled right now do to budget issues. Mikale Brutus mentioned the CERDEC Outreach is looking to reach out to the middle schools to provide support and wanted to know which schools they should reach out to first to get started. It was recommended that they reach out to Edgewood Middle and/or Magnolia Middle.

- **Closing Comments/Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25am.

Reminders: The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Council on Career and Technology Education is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 22, 2018**, 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.