

HARFORD COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 19, 2019

8:00-10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Joan Betzold, Mikale Brutus, Katie Campbell, Joseph Collins, Jeanne Donlick, Bill Grzanowski, Robert Limpert, Kay Malone, Joy Pelt, Joe Ricci, Patrice Ricciardi, Dave Thomey, Stacie Umbarger

The meeting was called to order at 8:05.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Administrative Matters**

Mr. Limpert asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes.

- **Welcome and Pre-Engineering Update**

We currently have the Pre-Engineering program at two of our comprehensive high schools. It is part of the Project Lead the Way package which is a national curriculum. The two schools it is currently in are C. Milton Wright and Aberdeen high schools. It is separate from the Science Math Academy which is also at Aberdeen high. We have had conversation with some of the administration at Aberdeen for the past two years about offering some of the Pre-Engineering courses due to staffing cuts in the Science Math Academy. So, this current year we did offer some the Pre-Engineering course to the SMA students.

We have also looked at expanding the Pre-Engineering. Leadership approached Mr. Limpert about working on a proposal to put the program at Fallston high school for the 2020-21 school year. One of the benefits of putting the program at Fallston high is that it is the last school that doesn't have a magnet or specialized program. We are looking at training the teacher this summer and then we would have a year of planning.

Does anyone have any objections or feel that this would not be a wise decision? Ms. Betzold and Mr. Ricci both commented that they support the program at Fallston. Mr. Ricci also commented that if we ever need an engineer to come out to talk to the students just let him know and he can get us someone.

- **CTE Grant/Reserve update**

We continue to spend down the grant accounts. We are in a good situation with all the grants except for one and that is the Computer Science or Oracle Grant. That is still on hold. We are hoping to have more information after an April 1 meeting. Mr. Limpert had a meeting with the Superintendent last week. Mr. Limpert explained where and why we came up with Computer Science. Mr. Limpert also shared the vision of what we are as a CTE office and why we decided on the Oracle pathway and what options there were.

For the coming year the reserve grant applications are out right now. We are looking at apply for 5 of them. One of them to add additional machines to the Interactive Media

program at Patterson Mill. They are still running machines that were purchased when they opened the school. We are going to be bringing in up to date machines to be able to run the entire adobe Suite. We are also looking at adding additional Blade Servers for the IT program here at Harford Tech. These two are grants are around twenty thousand dollars. We have 3 additional ten thousand-dollar grants for training our teachers and to promote CTE in our community and within our schools.

We received our data on Friday morning, so we are going to be starting the Perkins Grant as soon as we wrap up the reserve grant applications.

- **CTE Programs/BOE/enrollment**

Again, we are adding one at Fallston. We are also looking very vigorously at bringing on a Transportation/Logistics program. We will probably be writing the program specific to Harford County. MSDE does have one but it's mainly focused on maritime which, doesn't work for us. We are planning on making it a part of our current Business Management and Finance pathway where a student would take the transportation/logistics option for their third course and then the fourth course would be either a capstone or dual enrollment.

We will probably be applying in the Fall for an Innovation grant from MSDE. We asked about it last Fall and was told our idea wasn't very creative. Then found out that they accepted any idea in then end.

Regarding the Board of Education school systems budget, we are in a holding pattern waiting on the County Executive to get back to the Board. Our enrollment numbers between 2013-2017 were on a downward trend. We lost seven hundred students in CTE during those years. One of the reasons is because of position cuts, we have lost 14 CTE teachers between 2013-2017. On a positive note we saw an increase in enrollment of 300 students in CTE in 2018.

- **CAC Application/seats for 2019-2022**

Every January Harford County Public Schools solicits citizens for our advisory committees. This year we have only 1 application. A Ms. Moore. We do have several people whose terms are up. We will send a follow up email letting everyone know whose terms are up and if we get anymore application. If your term is up and you are interested in staying on for another term let us know. Also, if you would like to step down please let Mr. Limpert know Mr. Limpert at that time as well. Then is there is a vacancy Ms. Moore would be asked to fill that it.

- **MSDE Monitoring Visit Update**

The monitoring visit is next week on March 25. This is an all day visit from the State department in which they are reviewing all our CTE programs. HCC is with us in the morning to support us and we are with them in the afternoon. We are as prepared as we can be. We have a binder assembled with all the information we could find to showcase our programs. We have a group of 12 people with responses to MSDE's questions that will be asked. Mr. Limpert will give an update on how we did at our next meeting.

- **CAC BOE report March 25, 2019**

Board of Education presentation will also be on March 25. Our presentation is ready to go. Ms. Ricciardi, Ms. Campbell and Mr. Limpert will be presenting. If any of the committee members can attend that would be appreciated. Mr. Limpert will recognize you, but you will not be required to come up front and present. Our presentation will go over our short term, mid-term and long-term goals. It will also include what we have accomplished, what we are currently working on. Then after the presentation is completed Mr. Limpert will ask the Board if there are any question.

- **Open Dialogue**

Joan mentioned that her doctor's office was complaining that they are having trouble finding medical records technicians. Dave Thomey mentioned that he had the opportunity to present the award of three thousand dollars in grant money to NHHS's Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences Magnet program.

- **Closing Comments/Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38am.

Reminders: The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Council on Career and Technology Education is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 3, 2019**, 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.