

HARFORD COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 3, 2018
8:00-10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Joan Betzold, Joy Pelt, Mikale Brutus, Katie Campbell, Joseph Collins, Jeanne Donlick, Bill Grzanowski, Robert Limpert, Kay Malone, Linda Siegel, Denise Carnaggio, Stacie Umbarger

Robert Limpert called the meeting to order at 8:07am.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Administrative Matters**

Minutes were reviewed, and a motion was made by Joan Betzold to accept the minutes and it was second by Stacie Umbarger. Minutes were accepted.

- **CTE Reserve Grant Application**

The CTE Reserve Grants were due to MSDE by Friday, March 23. Then because of the snow, MSDE changed the due date to Monday, March 26. However, this did not affect us because we turned them all in early on Tuesday, March 20. We should hear back from MSDE regarding the reserve grants sometime in April. MSDE lets us know early enough that if we do not receive the reserve grants we can then adjust our Perkins Applications.

- **CTE Enrollment and Data**

Overall, it appears CTE enrollment and performance is declining in Harford County. However, this decrease is not due to lack of interest in our programs, but continued cuts to staffing. Each position lost is the equivalent of 100-150 students. Last year, we lost five CTE teachers, making up the 500+ decrease in enrollment. Placement data represents where our students are two years after high school graduation. The information is self-reported and therefore, skewed. This last school year, students only had to sit for, not pass, the English and Mathematics HSA's. Also, enrollment of non-traditional students in our programs has declined for the last two years.

Two to three sections of Interactive Media will be added at Patterson Mill High School next school year.

Teacher Academy of Maryland (TAM) will move to Harford Tech by the 2019-2020 school year and the Small Animal Science Program at Harford Tech will move to North Harford High School. This will be a phase-in, phase-out process, accommodating 20-25 students per year in the TAM program as the 20-25 students per grade level of Small Animal Science transition to NHHS.

- **CTE CAC Elections**

Rob distributed ballots and reviewed each candidate's credentials before each member of the CAC voted. Ballots were collected and will be counted at central office. All candidates will be notified of the results. Our new member is Edward Davidson.

- **CTE Dual Enrollment Options**

There are some programs that we are struggling to find courses to match up with at Harford Community College. Some of the Articulation programs as well as some of the programs at the college are certificate programs and not degree programs. Students don't want to take the certificate program courses because of cost and it doesn't necessarily benefit them.

- **Company/Business Presentation**

Stacie Umbarger, School Liaison Officer, Child and Youth Services (APG) and Rhonda, Curriculum Specialist presented the curriculum for the Strong Beginnings program serving children from birth to twelve years old. The program is available Monday-Friday, 8:30-11:30 am. The Creative Curriculum is based upon eight standards of 38 objectives and is available in Spanish. Students in our TAM and Early Childhood programs are invited to apply for internships. Each participant has the opportunity to complete 13 functional trainings to learn accountability, safety, professionalism, CPR, medications, families, etc. in a virtual lab setting via Ohio State. Students must pass background checks. Students who complete 18 months of training and enroll at HCC are eligible to receive 21 transcribed credits, needing to take only one additional course to qualify for management roles. Entry level positions wages are ~\$12.94/hr; Skill level wages, ~\$14/hour, and Target level wages, ~\$15.94/hr. Volunteers hours are flexible, but because of the need for these child companions, volunteers are getting anywhere from 20 to 35 hours per week.

- **Open Dialogue**

Rob reminded everyone that the teacher of the year banquet was coming up and that we have a CTE teacher in the running. We went around the room to give everyone an opportunity to share information.

- **Closing Comments/Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35am.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 29, 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.