

HARFORD COUNTY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**January 31, 2012**

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

Members Present:

Cornell Brown, Gary Ey, Sue Garrett, Chas Hagan, Bridgette Johnson, David Kohlway, Tom Kraft, John Mayhorne, Frank Mezzanotte, LaVerne Pitts, Joseph Ricci, Ron Seldon, Mohammad Shahab, Charles Walls, Ron Wilkens and Cheryl Wood.

Guests: Stacey Lambert, CERDEC Outreach Development Specialist and Mike Svezese, Construction teacher at HTHS

The meeting was called to order by Dave Kohlway.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Press Release for New Members**  
New members for the Board of Education's five Citizen Advisory Committees are being solicited. Interested applicants are to submit a letter of interest to the Office of Communications by March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  
- **Solar Energy**  
Committee member, Mohammad Shahab, presented information on the benefits of collecting solar energy and converting it to usable electricity. Committee members provided the following discussion points:
  - Students in the construction program at HTHS (carpentry, electricity, HVAC, plumbing, masonry) need this knowledge to work in an industry which is changing energy code requirements. The entire design and structure of a home is affected by LEED certification standards.
  - Students in the Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences program at NHHS need this knowledge to improve energy efficiency in barns and other farm structures.
  - The Student Trades Foundation would benefit from having committee members Mohammad Shahab and Tom Kraft participate.
  
- **Collaboration with the Office of Community Engagement, Equity and Cultural Proficiency**  
Although the presenter, Jonathan Brown, was unable to attend this meeting, Frank Mezzanotte provided some information on a single stream website that is scheduled for implementation in fall, 2012. This website would identify potential businesses which are willing to partner with the school system by region or grade level with either in-kind or financial support. This agenda item will be rescheduled for the next meeting.

- **CTE Reserve Grants**  
Sue Garrett distributed a chart of the six CTE Reserve Grants for which HCPS will apply. Funds will be sought for starting a CISCO Cyber Security Program at HTHS, Pre-Engineering Programs at ABHS and CMHS, and Biomedical Sciences Program at HGHS as well as for enriching the Biomedical Sciences Program at BAHS and providing professional development on new software for business education teachers.

- **Program Updates**  
Futures 11 Conference  
Frank Mezzanotte reminded members that they are invited to attend the Futures 11 Conference at Harford Community College scheduled for March 22, 8:00-1:00. Bridgette Johnson developed an informational trifold and stated that she still needs additional businesses for the networking session. Contact Frank Mezzanotte if interested in helping.

#### Cyber Security

This CISCO pathway program is being developed between HCPS and HCC for implementation at HTHS in fall, 2012. It will be highlighted in the HTHS magnet program video being shown to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents. Consideration needs to be given to training more than one teacher to provide for program continuity and possible expansion.

#### Pre-Engineering

LaVerne Pitts expressed a need for engineers to become members of the Program Advisory Committee which will meet on February 28<sup>th</sup> to begin program implementation plans.

- **Open Dialogue**  
Members expressed concern that the annual report to the Board of Education is not enough time to communicate CTE needs adequately. Dave Kohlway suggested that we invite the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Assessment and the Executive Directors for Middle and High Schools to a future meeting to plan implementation steps related to the recommendations already provided to the Board of Education by the Council. Dave Kohlway, Sue Garrett, and Frank Mezzanotte will meet to discuss this action.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 13, 2012**, from 8:00-10:00 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.