

CTE Advisory Committee
October 17, 2017

In Attendance: Buddy Gritz, David Remick, Sherri Chapman, Cindy Anderson, Vilma Zefran, Ben Lyon, Phoebe Tomsu, Sherri Chapman, Courtney Hill, Dennis Desmond, Bekkah Lampe, Randy Borland, JM Janukatys, Ronnie Campbell, Melissa Reeves

David Remick called the meeting to order at 4:05 and started with introductions.
Sherri had each member update their contact information for her records

The minutes from the June meeting were approved as was the agenda for the meeting.

Sherri reviewed the scope of work for this year which was approved by the school board.
The committee is still looking for a representative from the automotive industry.
The by-laws for the committee which were revised in March were shared; however they need to be tweaked this year to include a Vice-Chair.

Sherri then shared the Virginia ACTE Issues & Solutions brochure. The brochure highlights the five key issues the organization will be advocating for related to CTE.

David then shared A “CTE 101” document he created. This document highlights key topics related to CTE to help committee members understand who CTE is for, what it is, the history, importance, goals and where it’s heading. This served as a starting point for further discussion around how to market CTE, create better understanding of what CTE is and what students are doing.

Homework for the January meeting is to review the information shared. During the January meeting much of the time will be focused on developing a plan to message CTE, create a basic elevator pitch the committee members can use and really show the return on investment CTE provides.
Suggestions to attend Tri-Chamber event to promote CTE or have an Industry Day where business are invited to come in and have students showcase work they have done.
The TV Production classes will work in creating a new CTE promotional video.
Sherri will bring CTE enrollment data to next meeting.

Sherri then shared the CTE section from the 2017-18 Program of Studies to show all the courses offered by CTE at TC. TC Williams is the largest high school in the state and the only comprehensive high school in Northern Virginia. Unlike other districts where students have to be bused to other location to take specific courses, all the courses are offered at this location.

Dual Enrollment Medical Terminology was the only new course this year and has 3 sections.
Next year a new Early Childhood course will be offered targeting 9th graders as well as a Computer & Keyboarding class for IA students. In addition, the computer repair course will be replaced with a Cyber Security course.

The following new staff members were hired this year:

- Maurice Thornton moved from the long term engineering substitute to Education for Employment.
- Robert Wylie was hired to teach Engineering and Electronics courses.
- Deborah Leow was hired to teach Econ & Personal Finance and filled a retirement.
- Tim Trout is a long term substitute filling in for an Automotive retirement.
- Robert Brown was hired full time at Jefferson Huston as a Technology Education teacher.
- William Peters was hired at Hammond to fill a Technology Education teacher position
- Carolyn Tatem was hired at Hammond to fill a Business teacher position.
- Sheila Moses is a long term sub at Hammond filling a Family & Consumer Sciences position.

Sherri then shared information related to the new Health Academy. In August, ACPS and the George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences to develop a joint Medical & Sciences Academy. The press release regarding the academy should go out the week of October 23rd. The academy will be a 4 year program starting with the rising 9th graders. The goal is to have seven pathways students can choose from.

- Surgical
- Nursing
- Biomedical Informatics
- Sports Medicine
- Emergency Medical Services
- Pharmacy
- Medical Laboratory Sciences

All of the health and medical courses will be offered for dual enrollment credit through GW University. In addition, students who complete a pathway will be offered guaranteed admission to the School of Medicine & Health Sciences, with a scholarship that will make tuition equitable to a Virginia in-state tuition. The pathways have been designed to have multiple stopping points including industry certifications, associate degree or bachelor degree. Students can earn additional college credits through existing dual enrollment and AP courses in their core classes.

Sherri, Micki, Linda Zanin, from GW, and Laura Evans, TC Health & Medical Sciences teacher are working on an application to have this designated as a Governor's Health & Medical Sciences academy. There are currently only 8 Health Academies in the state with this designation.

After the press release the week, there will be an information breakfast on November 9th at The George Washington University Alexandria Center. Local industry representatives, politicians and community members are being invited to this event to learn more about the program and how they can become partners in this project. All committee members received an invitation to this event.

Future meeting are being planned with middle school counseling teams, PTA and other related groups. There will be specific Health Academy information sessions during the spring registration process to inform students and parents about the academy. The application for the academy will open in February and be due April 1st, with students being notified by June.

Micki then shared information related to Industry Certifications.

Due to the new graduation requirement, where students must pass a CTE test to graduate with a standard diploma, over 2000 CTE were offered last year. While most students meet the graduation requirement, there are a few students who still need to earn a CTE test. Most of the students who struggled with the test requirement were from the International Academy. However, the Workkeys National Career Certificate was more successful than expected and will be used more this year. This certification is 3 tests, related to English, math and locating information. The English test can also substitute as one of the English SOL tests.

Additional CTE tests are offered include: Automotive Service Exams, Nurse Aide, Surgical Technology, Cosmetology, ASVAB, Microsoft Office, Customer Service and NOCTI.

Micki shared Dual Enrollment information. There are currently eleven CTE dual enrollment classes as well as several core classes. Enrollment in English and History dropped significantly this year, and there is no clear reason as to why. This will be looked into and will hopefully increase next year.

The floor was then open to announcement from members
Bekkah Lampe, from NOVA Systemic Solutions share that STEM Day will be April 14 at NOVA, more information to come at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Micki Coffman

The next meeting is set for January 9, 4-5:30 in room B132.

Future Meetings: March 13 2018, joint meeting with Arlington, 4-5:30 in the Culinary Arts room, C109
June 12, 2018, 4-5:30 in the Culinary Arts room, C109