

General Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes September 28, 2005

Present at meeting: Carolyn Foust, Cheryl Johnson, Patricia Best, Dennis Hameister, Wallis Lloyd, Steve Moyer, Marcia Kramer, Elizabeth Dutton, Ken Slocumb, Carol Eicher, Jerry Dittmann, Shelly Ishler, Paul Heasley, Kelly Pifer, Gina Mazza, Ken Gray

Ken Slocumb called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

New Members

Ken introduced two new members to the GAC. Gina Mazza, who is the Director of Marketing & Recruiting at South Hills School of Business and Technology and Dr. Ken Gray, a professor of Workforce Education and Development at Penn State University.

Perkins Grant

Carolyn gave an update on the Perkins Plan for the 2005-06 school year. The Perkins funds will pay for all of the Perkins para salary and half of the counselor's salary. More district funds will be applied to the counselor's salary, leaving grant money to purchase career software and resources. Carolyn informed that group that Scott DeShong had taken an Assistant Principal position at Mount Nittany Middle School and that the new counselor would be Dr. Jon Downs. His start date has not been determined.

Curriculum Grant

This summer two competitive grants were made available. An equipment grant was available but Carolyn did not apply. This grant required matching funds from the school district. Carolyn did not have time to determine if sufficient local dollars could be re-allocated to meet the matching requirement. PDE informed Carolyn that a majority of schools didn't apply for this grant so another grant RFP will be issued in the future. The second grant was a curriculum grant. The maximum amount of this grant was \$15,000. Carolyn submitted a proposal which, if funded, will be used to help develop the plan for a new health program.

GAC Recommendation

At our June 3rd meeting the GAC unanimously recommended 1) to discontinue the Cosmetology program and 2) consider starting a program to prepare students in the field of health care. Carolyn will forward a recommendation to the school board that the Cosmetology program be discontinued. She will also submit a phase out plan to serve students currently enrolled. Over the summer the CTC faculty and Carolyn began

researching options for the health care program. The group looked at what courses are offered at State High and what courses could be offered that would align with health care programs at South Hills and Penn College. There was discussion about dual enrollment and instruction taking place off campus. This will allow students to work with equipment that would otherwise be unavailable to them in a high school environment. Penn College would like to pursue an articulation agreement with us in the area of paramedic training. Carolyn spent time at Mount Nittany Medical Center with Jerry Dittmann discussing the job market for health care professionals and the possibility of a partnership with the hospital.

Facilities Plan

Richard Donald and Victor Krasnopolsky from L. Robert Kimball gave a detailed overview of the building layout. In June, 2005 the schematic design phase started. The new design will be to add on and renovate the North building and tear down the South building, making room for athletic fields. The new building would be approximately 500,000 square feet. The driving range and tower along with Welch pool will stay where they are currently located. Parking will increase from 640 to about 1000 parking spaces. Changes to Westerly Parkway are also indicated in the plans.

The building will be five levels with level 5 on community field. The CTC will be located on levels 4 and 5. The bus loading area and faculty parking will be on level 5 giving the CTC programs high visibility with students and faculty. There will be outside storage buildings for some of the CTC programs. There are some concerns with the Engineering classroom and Drafting and Design that there is no natural light because these classrooms would be in the side of the hill. The interior of the school will also include a 1300 seat auditorium, student center, new classrooms for the CTC, and additional gymnasiums. The entire building will be heated and air-conditioned. Ken Gray asked if there had been any discussion about future programs since currently there is no room for growth. Patricia explained that there had been discussions regarding growth and with the small schools initiative there would be some flexibility.

The next stage of the process will be the design and development stage. During this stage the design for the individual classrooms will take place. CTC teachers along with their Occupational Advisory Committees are currently reviewing the space, adjacencies and locations of their program areas. In the near future Occupational Advisory Committees will offer recommendations on layout, storage and equipment for the new facility. This work will take place over the next few months.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.