

Career and Technical Center, General Advisory Committee

Minutes

June 11, 2007

Chatters Café

Members Present: Ken Slocumb, chair; Elizabeth Dutton, Pat Knobloch, Wallis Lloyd, Jerry Dittman, Jon Downs, Paul Heasley, Shelly Ishler, Carolyn Foust, Cheryl Johnson, Steve Moyer, Gina Mazza, Chris Shinham.

Members Absent: Kenneth Mawritz, Marcia Kramer, Kelly Pifer, Kenneth Gray, Patricia L. Best, and Carol Eicher.

Ken Slocumb began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. by immediately turning the meeting over to Carolyn Foust CTC Director.

Review Enrollment Data

Carolyn Foust reported that new State Department legislation differentiations between types of students will affect CTC enrollment numbers. Some elements impacting the lower number of students enrolled are; the State High students who participate in CPI classes cannot be counted by the CTC; the State has changed the guidelines for concentrators for instance we can no longer count a student enrolled in a Cisco class as a concentrator. Carolyn reported that in spite of spacing and staffing limitations we are expecting to be fully staffed and are preparing to overcome one obstacle which is making sure CTC students are enrolled a head of the rest of the students.

Review Student Performance Data & Achievements

Lloyd Wallis observed that there weren't many students taking the state test (NOCTI). Dr. Jon Downs reported that the lower numbers of students allowed to take the NOCTI were due to strict state eligibility standards and not the ability of our students. He went on to say we had one Completer who passed Architectural Drafting at the advanced level and at the recommendation of the teacher encouraged 15 students who were technically ineligible by state standards to take the test and 14 achieved advanced levels. Jon also reported that CTC Concentrator's received close to half of all senior awards and scholarships given in 2006-07.

Shelly Ishler reported on the 2006-07 Cooperative Work Experience year-end report and said that there are not enough Work Experience students to staff all of the available jobs in the area. She mentioned that a notable fact about the Work Experience class is that the staff consults with the employers once a month on student performance. She also noted that after working with KishBank for six years, a past Work Experience student is moving into management.

Dr. Downs reported that our students' PSSA performance was 96%, which is well above the LEA Base Line and now our goal is 1% improvement for next year.

Review Program Approval Evaluation Visit and Corrective Action Plan

Carolyn reported the institution of a pilot program to fulfill the additional 360 hours required by the State. Shelly Ishler explained that the CTC Pilot's purpose is to work with the students early on to improve their "soft skills" as well as their portfolios. The pilot would be held during a 9th period. Shelly mentioned a problem with the State not counting student working hours before or after school which does not correspond with the real world of industry. A motion was made by Steve Moyer to take measures to change this standard. Carolyn suggested that the members of the GAC could write letters to the Governor, Lee Burkett and the local government and that a letter regarding the instructional hours required by the state for approval would be worked on during the next GAC meeting.

Dr. Downs reported on "Into the Lion's Den" a program held during lunch periods spotlighting speakers from various careers to give the students exposure and is hoping to run a half a day workshop for career exposure next year.

Carolyn reported that the Information Technology Program may be changed to Business Computer Information Technology Program.

Review 2007-2008 Perkins Grant

Carolyn submitted for the following grants: a \$15,000 Competitive Child Care Curriculum Grant which is a program revitalization, curriculum and professional development grant for the Child Care teacher, a Competitive Equipment Grant for \$13,000 to purchase a Bi-directional Scan Tool System and a workbench storage system for the Automotive Technology Lab. An Allocated Perkins Grant for \$65,481 is due for submission on June 15, 2007.

Discuss 2007-08 Perkins

Carolyn discussed the Perkins IV-August 12, 2007-six year authorization major changes, new direction, alignment with NCLB mentioning that there will be more accountability for CTE students to meet with academic proficiency as well as for the district to meet the 10 key components of Perkins.

Also reported the "Program of Study" articulation agreements must be met for each program and that the CTC is in the process of complying with this requirement. Job readiness was one of the most important aspects of this program requiring that more post secondary industry credential requirements be met.

Carolyn reported that as a school we meet and exceed state Performance Indicators but do not know how the CTC measures up.

Carolyn's proposal for action steps and budget will highlight funding for "Into the Lions Den", travel and student fieldtrips as well as Counselor salary, and to allocate 100% funding for an Architecture & Construction Cluster paraprofessional and endorsement for a PA Builder's Association for students to join. Other action steps will be taken toward preparation for the implementation of the Health Professions Program, purchase instructional materials, textbooks and supplies.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.