

Career and Technical Center, General Advisory Committee
Minutes
April 24, 2006
Chatters Café

Members Present: Ken Slocumb, chair; Elizabeth Dutton, Pat Knobloch, Wallis Lloyd, Jerry Dittman, Jon Downs, Patricia Best, Superintendent, Paul Heasley, Kelly Pifer, Shelly Ishler, Carolyn Foust, Ken Mawritz.

Members Absent: Gina Mazza, Cheryl Johnson, Carol Eicher

Ken Slocumb began the meeting at 7:31 a.m. by welcoming members and thanking them for their attendance at this important meeting.

Enrollment Report

Carolyn Foust, CTC Director reported that projected student enrollment is approximately 353 concentrators and 1715 participators for the 2005-06 school year. She anticipated that the current staff would be sufficient to meet the anticipated student demand for courses in the 2006-07 school year. No additional staffing will be required. Copies of the Career and Technical Center Annual Report as presented to the School Board in March were provided to the GAC members. Carolyn urged the group to review the document and bring any questions forward to the next meeting.

Grants

Carolyn then gave an up-date on all grants.

Perkins – this year's \$60,631 will be expended in total. A budget revision was required because a large amount of the money budgeted for the CTC counselor salary would not have been expended due to the fact that Jon Downs did not come to the district until December. Funds that would have been spent in the salary and benefit categories were added to the supplies. No changes were made to budget objectives or total funding amounts.

The 2006-07 Perkins allocation is not yet available. Carolyn noted that the total percentage of the budget in 2007-07 and subsequent years will decrease. This will at some point require the district to cover more of the salary costs if the two positions currently funded through this grant are to be continued. A general discussion by the group supported the continuation of the positions.

A \$15,000 Perkins Leadership grant was secured for the planning and development of the Health program. This money has been used, to date, for release time for staff to attend planning meetings, for the purchase of supplies and curriculum resource materials. The remainder of the budget will go toward the development of planned courses. Carolyn was informed that PDE would be conducting an audit of this grant on May 11th.

A \$28,808 equipment grant was also granted by PDE from state funds to support the purchase of four pieces of equipment. They include: a Bariatric Transport for the Public Safety Program, an Electric Dynamometer and Small Diesel Engine Test System for the Ag Science and Auto Technology programs, a 3 Dimensional Prototype Printer for the Drafting and Design program and a Brake Lathe for the Auto Technology program. This grant required a local match of 50%.

GAC Membership

Dennis Hameister submitted a letter of resignation from the General Advisory Committee, sighting an increase in his time commitments to other volunteer organizations. Dennis has been a very committed member of this committee, and of course to Habitat for Humanity and local government for years. He will be greatly missed. Carolyn asked members to think of new nominations for the fall meeting. She offered Chris Shiham, from MBNA to the group for consideration. With the group's approval, Carolyn was directed to invite him to become a member.

Following a brief overview of the High School Renovation Project, the members reviewed the floor plans for each CTC classroom, lab storage and office space that will be included in the plan. Carolyn emphasized that this was the joint work of the Occupational Advisory Committees, architects and CTC teachers. Questions were answered by both Carolyn and Dr. Mawritz. The group was pleased with the layout but some still had concerns about the limitations in square footage in several program areas. Carolyn stated that since the spaces could not be expanded to the square footage recommended by the OAC's, the number of students to be served was dropped from the original recommendations. Program enrollments will be limited to between 16 and 25, depending on the program.

Next Meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was not established. The focus of that meeting will be to review our Perkins plan and determine the focus of the Perkins Grant for 2006-07. Members will be contacted by e-mail of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.