

HARFORD COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 15, 2020

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Mikale Brutus, Katie Campbell, Joe Collins, Kirsty Durr, Karen Goodison, Bill Grzanowski, Kelly Koermer, Robert Limpert, Kay Malone, Joy Pelt, Patrice Ricciardi, Stephen Smallidge, Lisa Snodgrass, Stacie Umbarger

The meeting was called to order at 8:04.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Limpert welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

- **Administrative Matters**

Mr. Limpert shared his agenda. A motion was made by Patrice Ricciardi and second by Kelly Koermer to approve the minutes from the June 15th meeting. The minutes were approved.

- **Updates from MSDE**

Ms. Koermer gave an update from HCC on how they are meeting the needs of students during the Covid 19 pandemic. She also announced the MSDE has opened Perkins funds to be used for non-credit courses.

Mr. Limpert share graduation updates for CTE programs from MSDE. They will be pushing the changes to the graduation requirements back it will now be reviewed again this year and voted on by the State Board of Education possibly in October.

JROTC is now a CTE program of study. We currently do not have a JROTC program but there has been talk about it at Joppatowne High School.

MSDE is reviewing several programs of study to possibly reduce the 4 courses or credits down to 3 courses or credits. They also talked about minimizing the redundancy in some of the CTE programs. One of the Programs is the PLTW Pre-Engineering program. The students must take two entry level courses one of them is called Principals of Engineering and the other one is called Introduction to Engineering. In many cases much of the materials covered in these two courses is redundant.

- **CTE Updates**

We had the Oracle program start at Havre de Grace High, the P-Tech at Joppatowne High. We expanded TAM program to Edgewood High. We also expanded the PLTW Pre-Engineering program to Fallston. We will also be adding next Fall the Interactive Media Production program to Bel Air and N. Harford High

- **Grants and program needs for 2020-21**

Perkins updates – we will have to modify our funding in the areas of Business Finance, Accounting, Academy of Finance, and TAM. Due to the fact that our system went to a one-to-

one ratio this summer after we had already submitted our grant request. That money will be moved to other programs that did not get any funding this year or towards other materials within the same program that were not as high a priority on their list.

MSDE distributes the Perkins funding in thirds. We get a third in August, a third in November and a third in April. We were only one of six systems in the state of Maryland to receive full funding on our Perkins Grant.

We also received several Reserve Grants for professional development/training.

- **Next Steps**

Lisa Snodgrass will do a presentation in January. Mr. Limpert will reach out to other to see if we can get one or two more presentations.

- **Open Dialogue**

Mr. Collins updated us on some of the dual enrollment courses that are now available to our Harford Technical High students. Currently students are capped at only 4 dual enrollment courses and we would like to see that expanded.

Mr. Limpert received some information yesterday from our accountability office. They are submitting some of our CTE data and they had some concerns as far as our students receiving certification, dual enrollment credits and completing the TSA (Technical Skills Assessment) that MSDE requires. The issue came up because of the huge increase that was seen by our accountability office and they were wondering if the numbers were accurate. In the 2020 submission (which would have been in the fall of last year) we jumped up systemwide from 108 certifications achieved to 221 certifications achieved.

Ms. Ricciardi reminded everyone to watch the next board meeting for some recommendations for Dr. Bulson's getting students back in school plan.

- **Closing Comments/Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.

Reminder: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 17, 2019**, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. virtually via Teams.

*Inclement weather policy: if schools are delayed or closed the meeting will be canceled.