

HARFORD COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 20, 2019

8:00-10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Christine Brown, Katie Campbell, Denise Carnaggio, Andrew Cassilly, Joe Collins, Jeanne Donlick, Kirsti Durr, Karen Goodison, Bill Grzanowski, Robert Limpert, Joy Pelt, Joe Ricci, Patrice Ricciardi, Stephen Smallidge

The meeting was called to order at 8:20.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Administrative Matters**

The agenda and the minutes from the September 12, 2019 meeting were reviewed, and a motion was made by Denise Carnaggio to approve the minutes and Patrice Ricciardi second the motion. Minutes were approved.

- **Welcome**

Mr. Limpert introduced one of our new members, Kirsti Durr as well as Christine Brown, a guest from Harford Community College. The committee then introduced themselves to Ms. Durr and Ms. Brown.

- **CAC seat and position**

Ms. Ricciardi was our committee chairperson, but, because she is now on the board of education she is required to step down from her position on our committee. She is however welcome to attend any of our meetings as a citizen of Harford County. Because of the timing of things, we did not have the opportunity to fill her position at the end of last year so, Ms. Lisa Snodgrass from Freedom Federal will be stepping in and filling Ms. Ricciardi's position on the committee for the rest of this year.

- **CTE updates (FAHS, HGHS, P-TECH, North Star and AoF)**

Fallston High School will be adding PLTW Pre-Engineering starting next Fall. It is a signature program not a Magnet program so it will only be available to the students in Fallston High School. They will be starting with two courses initialing and we will be sending two teachers to training this Summer, so they are ready to teach those courses. Over the next three years we will phase in additional courses. We plan on surveying the students to see what upper level course they would be interested in.

Havre de Grace High School is moving along very quickly. It is still slated to open next Fall. We are currently in the Magnet application process and have approximately 100 applications already submitted to the Oracle Academy Magnet program that will be at the new Havre de Grace High School.

P-TECH program is going to be a new Magnet program at Joppatowne High School. For this coming fall it is limited to applications from Magnolia Middle and Edgewood Middle but will eventually be opened to the whole county. P-TECH program is a Pathways in Technology Early College High School program focusing on Information Assurances and Cyber Security. It's a

program that students can apply to get in and within the window of 4, 5 or 6 years are given the opportunity to get their high school diploma and an associate's degree as well as an opportunity for first option hiring by a post-secondary partner and our industry partner. We currently have 43 applicants for 30 seats.

North Star is to start with students early enough that when they get to high school they can have flexibility for dual enrollment or take a college class in a trade area at the local community college in order to explore areas that they have an interest in before heading off to a four year college or career.

It was mentioned that there is a rumor going through the high schools that dual enrollment does not look good on college applications. We have no idea where it is coming from, but it is not true.

Academy of Finance is continuing to flourish and do outstanding things at Edgewood High School. Harford County Public Schools continues to get national recognition. Ms. Campbell, Dr. Hill, Mr. Limpert and Ms. Diane Moore went to a conference in New Orleans to help train the next four sites that received Future Ready Labs. By a significant amount we are the smallest of any of these systems and we are representing a small system and a small school yet Dr. Hill keeps getting asked what we are doing as a system and we are the ones that keep getting asked to help train the other systems. We will be receiving distinguished model award this year.

- **HCPS/HCC needs assessment update/next steps**

In September, Mr. Limpert mentioned that we would be looking at the needs assessment unfortunately MSDE has not given us the data yet. They plan to send it to us in early January. So, we are currently in a holding pattern right now.

- **Financial Bowl Update**

We had seven schools complete in the first Financial Bowl Challenge. The students competed in three rounds of written testing. The top four went on to the Quiz Bowl Challenge on stage in the auditorium. Unfortunately, there was not many guests there. APGFCU sponsored the event and provided dinner for the kids as well as the prizes.

- **CTE night**

Our next CTE night is on February 5th at Patterson Mill High School it is from 6-8pm. Its target audience is for 5 and 6 grade students so they can see what is available to them at the high school level. It will be more interactive this year. There will be a scavenger hunt so that it's not just a quick walk through, grab a cookie and leave.

- **Open Dialogue**

Denise asked about our committee's presentation to the Board of Education. Mr. Limpert responded with he knows we will be presenting but not exactly when. She also shared that Christian Walker who is the student representative on the Board of Education has developed this software application that the Harford County Chamber of Commerce will be using. It will allow them to share on there website scholarships that are available through the business community for students to apply.

Andrew Cassilly showed a brief video that is currently being put together to show people what North Star is all about. It is a work in progress, but he wanted to share it and see what we think and get feedback.

- **Closing Comments/Adjourn**
Meeting was adjourned at 9:26am.

Reminder: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 22, 2019**, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Cobra's Cove, Harford Technical High School.

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