

HARFORD COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 12, 2019

8:00-10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Joan Betzold, Mikale Brutus, Katie Campbell, Andrew Cassilly, Joe Collins, Jeanne Donlick, Robert Limpert, Kay Malone, Diane Moore, Joe Ricci, Stephen Smallidge, Dave Thomey, Stacie Umbarger

The meeting was called to order at 8:20.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Administrative Matters**

The agenda and the minutes from the May 30, 2019 meeting were reviewed, and a motion was made by Dave Thomey to approve the minutes and Diane Moore second the motion. Minutes were approved.

- **Welcome, New Members and Introductions**

Mr. Limpert introduced one of our new members, Diane Moore. The committee then introduced themselves to Ms. Moore and a guest we also had attending the meeting. Our other new member is Kirstie Durr

- **2019-2020 Perkins Grant Update**

At our last meeting in May we had submitted our Perkins application to MSDE. During the summer we were awarded our Perkins grant and have already started spending it. Our awarded amount was up a little bit from last year. We also applied and received several other smaller grants one specifically for the IT Networking (CISCO) program here at Harford Tech. As well as one for Interactive Media which started last year at Patterson Mill High School. We also received several professional development grants.

- **HCPS/HCC Joint CAC (LAC) Plan**

Our Citizen advisory committee is very strong. Ms. Kroemer asked if it would be ok if we combined the HCPS and the HCC advisory committees into one committee. The Joan Betzold made a motion to combine the two committees. Dave Thomey second it. It was decided to combine them.

- **Presentations Sign Up**

We traditionally have presentations usually from our industry partners on know what is going on in their industry, how they fit into CTE and employment opportunities that could potentially be available in the near future for our CTE kids or their specific employment needs that we could possibly help fill. We would like to have someone for the January, February, April and May meetings.

We had Diane Moore agree to do a presentation in January, Stephen Smallidge in February and Dave Thomey in April.

- **CTE Updates (FAHS, HDHS, P-TECH and North Star)**

We submitted an application for a P-TECH grant. A P-TECH school is a program that provides students with a high school diploma and a two-year college degree at the end of 4, 5 or 6 years. We should hear later this month whether we will receive it or not.

Fallston High School will be starting the PLTW Pre-Engineering program in the Fall of 2020. They are now in the planning phase which means meeting with the principal, meeting with the staff, identifying and sending the teacher to training making sure the facility is ready to go, and that the level one course is listed in the course listing.

Havre de Grace High School is set to open in Fall of 2020. Our fifth Magnet program Information Technology - The Oracle Academy will be there. It will provide students 6 unique Oracle database the Oracle Java programming courses. This magnet program will also give students the opportunity to earn up to 4 certifications through Oracle which are recognizable nationwide as well as the opportunity to take 4 college courses in IT from Harford Community College and we are still working on an internship as well. We will have 50 students start the program the first year.

Andrew Cassilly, is overseeing the North Star project, which is a big project that our Superintendent has implemented. It essentially is a pipeline from Pre-K through the community college providing our students the opportunity to start taking college level courses as early as their Sophomore year of high school with all students to be ready to do college work by the end of their Sophomore year. It will be a strong partnership with Harford Community College. Mr. Limpert will be overseeing the Technical Certifications part of the North Star project. This area will be geared to getting kids who don't plan on going to college to complete a technical certification that make them employable in our county and able to earn a living wage.

- **Perkins IV Needs Assessment (PAC & CAC)**

At our November 20th meeting Mr. Limpert is going to go through our needs assessment. There are three different areas of assessment that we need to address questions. Mr. Limpert will send it out ahead of time for you to look over and answer. Then Mr. Limpert will compile our answers and we can go over it and discuss it at our meeting.

- **Open Dialogue**

Joan Betzold asked if there was any public school in Harford County without air conditioning. Her question was answered with all public schools in Harford County do have air conditioning. Ms. Betzold also asked about the idea of a wastewater management program that was discuss a while ago. Mr. Limpert said that we are continuing to look at that as a possible apprenticeship program. The problem right now is manpower to oversee the workplace and apprenticeship student.

It was also asked where we were on the budget. I was mentioned that they are currenting working on the 2020/21 budget.

Our college and career fair is October 16th at Harford Community College. There will be a session on financial aid as well as tables set up from various companies and colleges.

Katie announced that we will be having our CTE Night on February 5th at Patterson Mill. It is scheduled from 5-8pm. Also, on November 13th we will be hosting a financial challenge bowl to better prepare our students to complete at the state level.

Mr. Limpert commented that we secured a grant from MSDE to be able to do the CTE Night as well as have 30 second videos done of all our CTE programs to promote them on our website.

- **Closing Comments/Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:32am.

Reminder: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 20, 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.