

HARFORD COUNTY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**November 23, 2021**  
**8:00-9:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams**

**Attendees:** Rob Limpert, Katie Campbell, Albert Johnson, Bill Pelt, Denise Carnaggio, Karen Goodison, Kimberly Justus, Joy Pelt, Dave Thomey, Lisa Snodgrass, Stephen Smallidge, Kirstie Durr, Dr. Austin Hill.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Mr. Limpert welcomed everyone and introduced Mr. Albert Johnson, Assistant Principal of Harford Technical High School. Mr. Johnson was previously at Bel Air High School. This is Mr. Johnson's 25<sup>th</sup> year with Harford County Public Schools.

**Administrative Matters:** We reviewed the agenda and previous meeting's Minutes. A motion to accept minutes was made by Denise Carnaggio and seconded by Lisa Snodgrass. The minutes were approved at 8:02am.

**Early Childhood Education Program updates:** Currently are Early childhood education program courses are Independent Family Living, Learning About Children, Working with Children I and Working with Children II. We have a "lab experience for our high school students in that they work with 3- and 4-year old's. Unfortunately, the state is not looking favorably on these programs. They notified all LEA's that the program of childcare is to be eliminated and replaced with the Child Development Associate's certificate. This requires 490 hours of lab or internship hours in a licensed facility. Our high school labs are not licensed facilities. We currently have about 100 students per comprehensive school in the Early Childhood Program. And 30 teachers. We will transition the program to a modified Child Development Associate's. The modified program allows for a dual enrollment option which our students will still be able to do the lab experience during the level three course and dual enroll. We are encouraging student to enter the program in 9<sup>th</sup> grade to alleviate the rigorous program demands. We are waiting for MSDE to release the modified program proposal documents so we can present to our General Curriculum Committee. Our application needs to be submitted to MSDE in Mid-December to get it approved by the state in order to bring it to GCC in January so it's "on the books" in time for registration.

**Advanced Technology Education Program updates:** Changes to the Advanced Technology program will be submitted today at the conclusion of this meeting. We will have the opportunity to phase out the current program to transition incoming cohorts to the updated program. This will be our only CTE program with 3 required credits; all the other CTE programs are currently 4 credit programs. This is the first program we will have where a student transitions to a certificate from HCC, which can be earned in as few as 6-months after graduation, versus an associate degree. There is also the dual enrollment as well as certification for the students.

**Business Education at Swan Creek School update:** Program proposal was submitted to MSDE and approved.

**Magnet application updates:** We are finishing up the middle school visits. The application opened on October 13<sup>th</sup> and will close on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. We currently have 1353 application which is

about average for this point. Traditionally we do open houses at all the magnet schools but due to covid they were done virtually this year. They were all recorded and are on the website as well as the informational night.

**Harford Community College Updates:** Harford Community College is continuing to offer 50% of classes in-person. They have had some personnel changes. L.J. Baker is acting in place of Kelly Koermer, who has gone to Carroll Community College. HCC has also done a realignment. The credit and noncredit sides have been separated. They have had the ribbon cutting at the Leading Edge Training Center and have started offering courses. The Rural Maryland Council also gave them money for the Innovation Lab.

**Open Dialogue:**

Mr. Johnson announced that there were going to be staffing changes at HTHS in the near future. Mr. Brad Martin will be replacing Mr. Bill Fuentes upon his retirement in June, and they are looking for a CAM teacher as well for the January through June time period. Mr. Limpert also talked about the Harford County Student Trades Foundation and announced they are looking for another community representative to serve on the Foundations committee to replace Tony Belcastro, who has returned to teaching from the Insurance industry.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2022.

Meeting adjourned, 8:50 am.