

Advisory Committee Minutes

Warren County School's Career and Technical Education
December 4, 2015

Call to Order and Lunch

The Warren County School's Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee held a meeting at 11:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2015. The meeting was held at Warren County High School in the Renewable Energy classroom/lab.

Advisory Committee members in attendance were: Ken Bowman, Kim Baty, Gavin Ellis, Rachael Head, Jereann King Johnson, Chris Jones, Lee Roy West Jr., Leonardo Williams, Doug Young, and Ernie Conner. Jonte Hawkins and Derrick Fogg were also present at the meeting.

Ernie Conner called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. The agenda was presented to the group along with a Warren County Schools Advisory Committee Handbook to new members.

Lunch was provided by Derrick Fogg, Culinary Teacher at WCHS.

During lunch, each member of the committee introduced themselves to the group. Mr. Conner also announced that his role had changed and he was now the Director of Technology and Career and Technical Education. A Career and Technical Education Coordinator would be hired to take care of the day to day operation of CTE. This person would also serve as the Instructional Management Coordinator.

Old Business

Minutes of Previous Meeting

A copy of the May 1, 2015 meeting minutes were provided to each committee member. The minutes were approved.

Election of Officers

Lee Roy West Jr. was elected as the chairperson of the advisory committee. Kim Baty was elected as the vice-chairperson. Ernie Conner was elected as the Secretary.

Career and College Prep Academy Updates

Mr. Conner informed the committee that even though the 9th grade CTE classes, Core and Sustainable Construction, Public Safety I, Health Team Relations, and Principles of Business and Finance would remain one period, yearlong classes, all other CTE classes would be two block, semester courses. This was done to provide enough time for labs to be completed. This hybrid schedule is already making a big difference in the CTE classrooms.

NC DOT Grant Update

Ernie Conner provided a list of field trips that the students had participated in this year. This grant has allowed students to be exposed to all aspects of the transportation industry. Trips have been made to Duke to see their Life Flight program, North Carolina Transportation Museum, the Nascar Hall of Fame and the North Carolina Battleship.

New Business

Concentrator Feedback Information: Graduates 2013-14.

Mr. Conner informed the group that the concentrator surveys were positive. We were able to survey almost 100 percent of the concentrators. Over seventy five percent of the students were in post - secondary training.

CTE Post Assessment Summary and Results

Mr. Conner shared the results with the group. The scores were significantly lower than the previous year. The group questioned the reason. Mr. Conner explained that he thought that the change in schedule time made a difference and this was a major factor in moving to a hybrid schedule instead of all classes being taught using year long, one period format.

CTE Summer Programs

Mr. Conner talked about the Construction Internship program that was conducted in conjunction with the Governors Innovation grant. Six students participated in the six week program. Seven students in the Health Science program participated in a Mini Medical School camp sponsored by VGCC and Wake AHEC. Twenty students participated in the North Carolina Transportation Summer Institute sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. A special ceremony was held for the students when it was completed.

CTE Student Recognition

Gavin Ellis, FFA Member at Warren County High School was recognized by the group for winning the Regional Tractor Driving Contest. He will advance to the state finals.

Program(s)

Jonte Hawkins demonstrated how the solar trainer worked and talked about how the room was transformed from a weight room. He showed the curriculum and talked about how they could use the solar panels on the roof and the ground unit behind the school for additional resources. Chris Jones stated that this facility and equipment would properly train students for his company. Ken Bowman talked about how successful the Career Day was this fall. IT was designed for students that were looking for employment right out of high school. Thirty students from WCHS attended. Over twenty employers were present. Mr. Conner talked about a partnership with the Warren

Program(s) Continued

County Habitat for Humanity organization that would provide on the job experience for students in the Carpentry and Masonry Programs.

Academy Alliance Team Session

Mr. Conner explained the purpose of the breakout sessions. Gavin Ellis, Chris Jones, and Lee Roy West Jr. worked on the Engineering and Construction Technology Academy. Kim Baty, Rachel Head, and Doug Young worked on the Medical Science and Emergency Services Academy, and Ken Bowman, Jereann King Johnson and Leonardo Williams worked on the Business, Finance, and Entrepreneurship Academy. The Engineering and Construction Tech group talked about trying to work out a program that would allow students to do internships at the Habitat for Humanity site in Norlina. They also wanted to work with VGCC to offer small one day workshops on using the Heavy Equipment simulators.

The Medical Science Academy group wanted to explore a partnership with the Medical programs at Vance Granville to develop Career and College Promise Pathways. The Business, Finance and Entrepreneurship Academy group asked how the school could partner with Food Works to use the Business Incubator facility in Warrenton. Mr. Conner will work on these ideas and make contact with the agencies and individuals involved.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm