

Advisory Committee Minutes

Warren County School's Career and Technical Education
March 19, 2013

Call to Order and Minutes of Meeting

The Warren County School's Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee held a meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 19, 2013. The meeting was held at Warren County High School in Room 408.

Advisory Committee members in attendance were: Jessica Harris, Lyndon Hall, Todd Wemyss, Maggie King, Erin Bain, Jereann King- Johnson, Caroline Stover, Shane Reese and Ernie Conner. Robert Clary, Carpentry Instructor at Warren County High School, Ariel Holtzman and Danielle Shearin, Carpentry class members were also present. Members not present were: Buddy Isles, Larry West, Shawn Hackett and Peggy Richardson.

Ernie Conner called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. The Agenda and Minutes of the Previous Meeting were presented to the members. The minutes were approved as presented.

Each member of the committee introduced themselves to the group.

Old Business

High School Academy Proposal Update

Mr. Conner explained to the group how 8th grade students have high school choice. At the moment, students choose between Warren County Early College HS, Warren New Tech HS, and Warren County HS. He explained to the group that the district was in the process of developing two Academies that would be located at Warren County High School. Once these are developed, students would have four choices when making their high school selection. This process has taken longer than originally planned. More information will be sent to the committee as soon as it is completed. The two academies that are being considered are a College Prep Academy and a Career Academy. The Career Academy will include a Business and Entrepreneurship, Construction and Renewable Energy, and Medical Science and Emergency Services component. Mr. Conner provided a link to the academy website, www.wchsacademies.org as a resource to monitor the academy progress.

New Business

Warren County School's Career and Technical Ed. Program New Initiatives.

Mr. Conner gave a brief overview of new CTE initiatives being offered. The group spent time discussing the new Computer Science partnership with Microsoft, the Food Corps activities that students in the district are completing and how the high school garden will be used for all students, and the Renewable Energy Curriculum and program that will be implemented in 2013-14.

Mr. Conner shared results from the IC3 testing from the 2011-2012 school year and the fall semester of the 2012-2013 school year. He informed the group that WCMS was the first Middle School in North Carolina. Several school districts throughout North Carolina have visited our school to review the programs and talk to the teachers and students. New certifications are now being offered at the high school that include the National Customer Service Exam and the Wise Financial Literacy Certification. All members were invited to attend a special certification awards ceremony that will be held in May. Formal invitations will be sent a couple of weeks before the event.

Local Plan Review

Mr. Conner reviewed the local plan and showed the members how to access it online at any time. The group spent time discussing strategies and making improvements.

Special Presentation by Carpentry Program

Robert Clary and the Carpentry students gave a presentation to the committee about the projects being completed by their program at Warren County High School. They discussed how they planned to use the solar curriculum and the equipment provided by Argand Energy. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session. The committee endorsed this type of program and encouraged the school district to incorporate more programs with certification options.

Officer Elections

The following officers were elected: Jereann King Johnson, Chairperson, Erin Bain, Assistant Chair and Ernie Conner, Secretary.

Plans for Next Meeting

A meeting will be scheduled for March 2014. Additional meetings will be called to discuss any updates on the Career Academies and other CTE programs.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.