

Advisory Committee Minutes

Warren County School's Career and Technical Education
March 8, 2012

Call to Order and Introductions

The Warren County School's Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee held a meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2012. The meeting was held at Warren County High School in the Virtual Enterprises classroom.

Advisory Committee members in attendance were: Gabrielle Kearney, Gabriel Cumming, Lyndon Hall, Todd Wemyss, and Ernie Conner. Pam Jordan, Marketing Instructor at Warren County High School and Damion Williams, CFO of the Warren County High School Virtual Enterprise class were also present.

Ernie Conner called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. The agenda was presented to the group along with a Warren County Schools Advisory Committee Handbook.

Each member of the committee introduced themselves to the group.

New Business

Special Presentation by Virtual Enterprises Program CEO and CFO

Gabrielle Kearney, CEO of Cool Year School Gear, and Chief Financial Officer, Damion Williams gave a presentation to the committee about the new Virtual Enterprises program at Warren County High School. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session. Ms. Pam Jordan, the facilitator of the program also participated in the question and answer portion of the presentation. The committee endorsed this type of program and encouraged the school district to incorporate more programs with this format.

Explanation of Warren County School's CTE Advisory Committee

Mr. Conner explained to the group what the purpose of this committee included and how important it was to the success of the school district to have their input. He thanked each member for agreeing to serve and offer their suggestions and feedback to the school district. Meeting formats, times and dates were discussed. Mr. Conner introduced the "Virtual Meeting" format that he uses to communicate with the CTE staff. He plans to send out information as needed using this method and an online survey instrument to allow each member to submit their suggestions, questions, etc.

New Business Continued

Warren County School's Career and Technical Ed. Program

Mr. Conner gave a brief overview of the CTE programs and classes offered at Warren County High and Middle School. The group spent time discussing the new IC3 Digital Literacy Certification at Warren County Middle School. Mr. Conner shared results from the IC3 testing from the 2010-2012 school year and the fall semester of the 2011-2012 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. He shared information from the certification website: <http://www.certiport.com>.

Warren County School's CTE Website

Mr. Conner shared an overview of the school district's Career and Technical Education website. The website is: <http://www.warrencareertech.org>. The group spent time navigating through the different portions of the site. He suggested that each member take a close look at the courses that are offered in each program.

High School Choice and Academy Proposal

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. More information will be sent to the committee as soon as it is completed. It will be available through a virtual presentation. The members will have the option to provide feedback using an electronic survey instrument and/or email. A meeting will be setup if needed.

Officer Elections

Officer elections were not completed because several members were not present. This will be done at a later time.

Committee Remarks

Each committee member was given an opportunity to make comments.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.