

## Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee Notes

January 25, 2018

P Charles Britt	A Tyna Gaylor	P Jayant Reddy
A Jung Byun	A Laura Howard	P Monique Roberts
A Sharon Caraballo	P Jim McCormack	P Irvin Varkonyi
A Yosung Cho	A Ian Moritz	A Wendy Lindquist Williams
P Kristin D'Amore	A Adam Phillips	A John Wittman
A Liza Durant	A Amy Platt	P Sharon Wu
A Colin Flanigan	P Mary Porter	A Yuyan Zhou
P Sridhar Ganesan	A Anitha Raj	

\*A = Absent P = Present

The regular meeting of the Fairfax County School Board's Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee was called to order on January 25, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. by Charles Britt, Chairman. The meeting was held in room 1001 of Willow Oaks, 8270 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22031.

**Review of Material** – no changes to November 2017 meeting notes; accepted as they are.

**School Board Updates** – Ryan McElveen, School Board Liaison to CTEAC

- Two handouts were distributed at the meeting regarding School Board 2018 priority positions and the other student membership in 2017-18 in comparison to other Virginia School Divisions.
- Two priorities of the School Board are students having the ability to explore career interests and post-secondary opportunities with multiple pathways to earn a diploma; and implement programs to help attract and retain a high quality, diverse workforce, including flexibility in teacher licensure.
- FCPS is the largest school division in Virginia with the large numbers of students requiring free/reduced lunch and English learners population.
- School Board currently in a budget cycle with the main focus of getting teacher salaries up to market value in order to help attract and keep quality instructors.
- Hiring of teachers is an issue in the entire state.
- FCPS has a full time lobbyist in Richmond.
- Virginia Beach is similar to us in what they try to promote.
- FCPS has a full time lobbyist and tries help promote FCPS requirements.

### **Instructional Services Update** – Sloan Presidio, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services

- May need community help to set up connections to businesses/partnerships, and CTEAC to promote
- Governor Northam has joined the Governor's Partnership for K-12 Computer Science. Currently, more than half of the schools in the country are not offering any computer science courses. The three main goals are to enable all high schools to offer at least one rigorous computer science course; fund professional learning opportunities for teachers to be prepared to teach the courses; and create a set of high-quality academic K-12 computer science standards to guide local implementation of courses.
- FCPS works with industry to help with developing curriculum and keeping it current.
- Working with School Board on graduation requirements and career pathways.
- There is continued discussion about coding for replacement of a world language, but it does not seem likely to move forward. Really feel they need a second language to help work in a global market place. Feel they have a pretty good balance. Currently trying to expand world languages program even into the elementary level.
- Twenty schools are at a full one to one (FCPSOn); have computers to take home and connectivity at home if they don't have it. State grants have gone away; trying to study on how much effect it would be if they no longer had the one-to-one. Going to have community engagement meetings about expansion.
- Considering annual fee of \$50 to help with cost of laptops which gives them insurance if it is lost or stolen.
- Any opportunities to have a business make donations of computers? Need to have continuity with the computer/devices/platforms.
- Concern from industry about written communication – are the devices helping/hindering with that. FCPS is focusing on literacy and using inter-disciplinary approach to include writing/reading in each discipline. Working on alternative way of assessments – performance based assessments; create a student portfolio to look at for graduation.

### **Career and Technical Education Overview** – Beth Downey, Coordinator, CTE

- Overview of the CTE program highlights and description of materials that will be discussed was given.
- Received a grant for \$100,000 from Boeing for Global STEM; K-8 after school activities; curriculum for year three.
- Claude Moore Grants for the HMS for next year's patient care tech course.
- Grant for electronic record keeping; working with Virginia Beach who offers the electronic record keeping, and we will work with them for our patient care tech which we are offering.
- CTEMS Report – CTEMS report financial data handed out and discussed. Bring any questions to the February meeting.

### **Panel Review Discussion – Jim McCormack**

- Do we need to change any questions or add new ones before we meet with students in February? Doesn't feel like we had enough time to ask everything when we were at the school.
- We are getting a sampling of information from two schools and would like to get more information from other schools (survey was of interest). What type of questions would be used and the format of the answers? Division is tightening up on the big surveys and now is not a great time to send a survey.
- Maybe come up with a different way to get the information. Maybe in the two PD days or the department chair meetings.
- Motions regarding how to get more information:
  - Wait till next year – motion withdrawn
  - Forward with work to get survey this year – motion made and seconded (vote by show of hands 1 out of 9)
  - Professional Development – to obtain information; motion made and seconded (vote by show of hands 7 out of 9)
  - One person abstained from voting.

### **Annual Report – ideas discussed at November meeting with no new ideas brought forward.**

- Connections to careers in content
- Real world experiences
- Capstone activities for courses
- Expansion of grassroots parent involvement
- Focus of 21 workplace readiness fully integrated in our offerings
- Connections to Portrait of a Graduate – ability to learn from failure

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** February 27, 2018, 8:30 a.m., **at a school (TBD)**