

Regional Advisory Board Meeting  
August 15, 2022  
Minutes

Members present: Anne Beekman, BUHS School Board; John Broadley, Bellow Falls UHS; Mari Cornell, WRCC; Margo Ghia, Bellows Falls School Board; Chloe Learey, Winston Prouty Center; Linda Quay, WRCC, Nancy Wiese, WRCC and Bob Woodworth, Chair and Community Member.

Meeting was called to order at 9:08 am

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Discussion of CNLA Findings
  - a. Protective Services doesn't have tier 2. Working to build a relationship with the Police Academy. Course approval with River Valley so we can receive dual enrollment credit. Partnering with Greenfield Community College. Other tech centers are trying to do the same thing.
  - b. Culinary - ServSafe to return. Dual enrollment. Nancy wants this to be a strong program to move forward.
  - c. Film - doesn't fit CTE. Will discuss moving to high school and then we can add H-Vac and plumbing. This is a chance to use the high school art program. Would be perfect to link to this.
  - d. We need to attract diverse students. Need to attract more non-traditional students in Machining, Forestry and Auto. Working with the state.
  - e. Need to attract nontraditional students (gender equity) There is a gender equity conference coming up.
  - f. Need to increase Work-Based Learning. Nancy explained that Linda is only part-time. Will use Perkins funds to make this a 1 ½ time position. Linda has threatened to retire this year. Need to bring someone up to speed. Linda is a model for the job.
  - g. Increasing Student Learning & Industry Exposure Through CTSO's Funding through Perkins to pay for student memberships. Each tech center contributes to the state for this.
3. Funding Requests
  - a. Increase Work-Based Learning
  - b. Professional Development money to attend and offer training to reduce barriers and attract a more diverse student body.
  - c. Professional Development money to attend Gender Equity training at the State level and to offer Local Level Gender Equity training with focus on reducing barriers for nontraditional students.
  - d. Professional development to ensure that all programs are aligned to the identified proficiencies and that curriculum is advancing with industry expectations.
  - e. Support VT Teacher Preparation Program for CTE Instructors Finish up curriculum work to support teachers.
  - f. WorkKeys Funding for testing and to increase student skills.
  - g. State Level CTSO funding to increase student exposure to industry expectations and skill building.

Nancy asked the group if they approved of these funding requests. Chloe Learey said they seem reasonable. Chloe asked if the diverse student body was not just race based. Nancy said no - also socioeconomic, disabilities - need to serve everybody in the community. We're close on socio economics but not good at the physical disability piece and attracting students from diverse situations culturally. Nancy informed the group about the 5-6 adults that are interested in taking Construction Trades. This program will be diverse. Our Marketing person left and Nancy has hired Rhonda Winegarner to fill the position as well as the Dual Enrollment piece that was Tom Yahn's position. Nancy feels very fortunate to have Rhonda on board. Rhonda served on the collegiate high school board and was a counselor in the high school.

Any concerns, changes, things to improve on? Nancy will print the grant and share with everyone when it is amended. Chloe asked if any of it was digitized? Nancy explained that there were several surveys that she had to cut and paste into the document. Chloe asked how much is the grant for? Nancy replied \$200,000. It is a tenth of the total high school budget. Not huge but valuable. Gives us a chance to try things out without spending local tax payers dollars. Bob Woodworth added that he was really excited to hear about the possibility of HVAC and plumbing. A huge need for people with this skill. Nancy said that plumbing is 1st on her list.

Nancy mentioned that all of the seniors in Electrical have been hired at various places with starting pay of \$20. per hour.

Send Nancy an email if you have any questions. Margo asked when the change in programs would be in place? Nancy said it should start this year.

Cloning Linda Quay - we can get more kids out in the field.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.