

Regional Advisory Board Meeting
9/20/22
Minutes

Members present: Mari Cornell, WRCC; Anne Doran, WRCC; John Barth, Hinsdale H.S.; Sarah Grasso, LeLand & Gray UHS; Kathy Larsen, Twin Valley Middle/High School Board; Chloe Learey, Winston Prouty Center; Linda Quay, WRCC; Nancy Wiese, WRCC; Rhonda Winegarner, WRCC and Matt Azzaro, Hinsdale High School.

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 am

Introductions were conducted. Nancy added that the five WRCC employees in attendance add a huge amount of history and talent to the center.

Nancy added to the agenda a vote on the consortium. Brief explanation about the consortium. Funds from 17 CTE centers are combined for CTSO's and professional development. It has been a huge body of work. Teach proficiencies and access proficiencies. Three times a year so kids have mastered these skills. Money goes into multiple joint accounts. Professional development to get CTE instructors licensed.

2. Approve Agenda

Chloe made the motion to approve the agenda for the Sept. 20, 2022 meeting. Rhonda seconded. Agenda approved.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chloe made the motion to approve the minutes of the two meetings - Aug. 15th and May 17th. Minutes were approved as written.

4. Student enrollment and program numbers

Nancy explained that the FTE equivalent is used to determine state funding. Last year we hit an all time low. Nancy said that she lobbied for the numbers to be waived during COVID for our funding. There are 272 students in the building this year. Equals 132.33 full-time equivalents. By spring we will probably have 125. Will be fewer students in Intro classes. In the spring, lower enrollment in math and English. Teachers are stepping up to the plate.

5. Good News

- ◆ All electrical students were employed or going to college by graduation.
- ◆ WRCC is a state testing site for LNA. Students attend from all over southern Vermont.
- ◆ FBLA only champion chapter in the state.
- ◆ Early Childhood Education - seniors are all enrolled in college to work at Early Education.

6. Things we would like to do or add to improve student outcomes

- ◆ Chris Hodsdon is starting an aviation program. He has been doing a ton of investigating. Will write into Perkins. Nancy wants students to take a small airplane flight prior to class. Anne asked if VTC still has an aviation school running. Nancy said it does not. Nancy did not write in for the electrical car industry as our instructor is not certified.
- ◆ Thirty-nine students are taking collegiate credit courses. Credits will transfer. Anatomy and Psychology does not transfer to VTC. John Barth asked how do students enroll? Rhonda explained the process and that there are scholarships and vouchers available. Anne asked if it is different for NH? Nancy said that there are Perkins funds available to pay our collegial partners. If the course is registered, any student in the course can take

advantage. Any class that we offer. Nancy has built funding into the budget. Nancy feels a student's education should be free.

Changes staff would like to see

- ◆ AC
- ◆ More ventilation at TIC building. For safety reasons, we can't leave overhead doors open.
- ◆ Get a plumbing program started. Need more space to do that.
- ◆ Need more student transportation. Working on hiring additional paras.
- ◆ Advanced safety clothing for Electrical program. Funding with Perkins. Will buy one or two sets.
- ◆ Additional Co-op Coordinator (full-time) will allow us to build up co-op sites. One part-time is not nearly enough. Would like to get every kid out.

Chloe asked if buses were the most effective means of transportation. Nancy said she hopes to purchase a couple of vans. Can't be funded through Perkins. Chloe asked what would they be used for? Nancy explained. Some classes go to job sites every day. Need to transport LNA students to their clinicals and Early Childhood students to various sites. We have also been loaning our bus out. Will start charging a small amount to cover wear and tear on the bus and a driver.

The next RAB meeting Nancy will share budget info. Nancy said we have a new agreement with Hinsdale. Will send John Barth a copy. Nancy said she receives a small amount of money from the NH Perkins grant. No additional charge for NH students.

7. Consortium Vote

Nancy made the motion to the board for approval of the FY23 VACTED Consortium Agreement which would allow all Vermont CTE centers to combine funds for professional development, Vt. CTE Directors marketing and initiatives and CTE student organizations. Chloe asked how much money was it? Nancy said it would be about \$15,000.

Chloe seconded the motion. Consortium agreement approved.

Chloe asked how can we get people to our meetings? Chloe would be happy to assist in any way. Nancy will send out another survey to the board. Chloe would like information to better understand the role of the board.

Nancy said that Tom Yahn was huge in starting programs - extra influential. Rhonda explained a small hitch that we have run into with sophomores. CCV is now requiring sophomores to take WorkKeys. Not required of other students. John B. said they had the same thing happen in NH. Nancy has a phone call into CTE office. Nancy said she will cover costs through other programs. Nancy said we had a \$130,000 surplus last year.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn. Chloe seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 am.

