

**Virginia Advisory Committee Meeting
for
Career and Technical Education
June 9, 2009
CTE Resource Center
Richmond, Virginia**

MINUTES

In attendance:

Virginia Jones, Byron Hinton, Elizabeth Russell, Sandy Hespe, Jerry Stewart, Judy Sorrell, Brenda Long, John Cates, John Cotton, Jr., Toney Rigali, Theresa Bryant, and Mike Mills. Guests: Leah Hamaker, Commission on Youth and Al Melton from Northrop Grumman Apprentice School.

Mike Mills called the meeting to order and welcomed the group to Richmond and the CTE Resource Center. The group then introduced themselves.

Department of Education Updates, presented by Liz Russell

- Hans Meeder conducted eight focus meetings around the state concerning the state of CTE in Virginia; conducted an electronic survey (over 1100); interviewed the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Directors of Policy, School Improvement, Assessment and others; visited four sites; and will have a discussion with the CTE state staff on June 17. The state hopes to have results of these efforts by July, 2009.
- A great example of Business-Education partnership: The CEO of Volkswagen Group of America presented Fairfax County with an agreement that will provide that school division with new cars every 2 years for student training. This is a 2.5 million dollar deal and an exciting opportunity for CTE in Virginia. Governor Timothy Kaine was there to showcase this partnership.
- An 8th Governor's Career & Technical Academy has been added with two more in the pipeline. There will be additional help from \$400,000 through the stimulus funding. A part-time person will be assigned the responsibilities of the Academies sometime this summer.
- Currently in the process of updating Workplace Readiness Skills from 13 currently to 21. This will be presented sometime in the fall.
- The Trade & Industrial Specialist position has been filled by Edward Sullivan.
- Industry Certification data will be submitted electronically.
- There has been some discussion involving technical foreign language for CTE students—more research will be done with this.

CTE Summer Professional Development Institute and Technical Diploma Update: presented by Brenda Long

- The date of this Institute is August 3 – 7, 2009, location, Richmond Convention Center. The Web site is: www.cpe.vt.edu/cte
- August 4 is across-the-board sessions—something for everyone.
- Beginning with the freshman class of 2010, the Technical and Advanced Technical Diploma option will be available.

Creating Excellence Awards Program: presented by Mike Mills

Board officers met and selected the recipient of this year's Creating Excellence Award for the advisory council. Massanutten Technical Center is this year's winner.

Completion of Vision Process: presented by Mike Mills

- This process started with a collection of ideas. At the January meeting, a breakdown of categories and the real focus were developed. The next step in this process will be a gap analysis, which will more than likely occur at our August meeting.
- Members of the board reviewed the Program of Work and made some changes.
- After the changes have been made to the Program of Work and sent out for review, members of the board will prioritize items. Preference on which area (goal) committee they would like to serve will be given to board members.

Identification of Items to Address to SBOE for Annual Report: presented by Mike Mills

- Program of Work – the process and how it was developed
- Funding for CTE Resource Center and Industry Certification
- Share concerns about the Technical and Advanced Technical Diploma
- Teacher shortage concern
- Solicit their input—possibly invite to a meeting to share information with this board.

Upcoming Meetings:

August 5, 2009 - 9:00 – 2:00 at the CTE Resource Center
(August 4, 2009) 7:45 a.m. Breakfast Meeting with Congressman Peterson at the Richmond Convention Center in conjunction with the Summer Conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Hespe, Secretary