

**Virginia Advisory Committee for
Career and Technical Education Meeting
January 15, 2009
CTE Resource Center
Richmond, Virginia**

MINUTES

In attendance:

Virginia Jones, Byron Hinton, Elizabeth Russell, Sandy Hespe, Jerry Stewart, Judy Sorrell, Theresa Bryant, John Cotton, Johnny Cates, and Mike Mills.

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

- ◆ ***Overview of Budget Cuts and Impact of Economy on CTE***
 - This information is still preliminary, but it appears as though the Equipment allocation will stay the same.
 - The funding for the CTE Resource Center may be cut by \$100,000. The CTE Resource Center is invaluable to CTE in the state of Virginia as they are the backbone for curriculum development and also correlates all CTE curriculums with the appropriate Standards of Learning. In addition, Virginia's Vision for the next five years will be developed through the Center. On the academic side, the Center developed "Stepping Stone", which is a guide for new teachers.
 - As far as CTE staff reductions at the state level, 2 ½ support staff positions, and the Associate Director's position have not been filled, but the specialist position for T & I is in process.
 - At this time it is difficult to know whether or not state reimbursement for Industry Certification testing will be affected as it is not a separate line item. The Technical Skills Performance Standard of Perkins currently requires that 33% of CTE Completers take an Industry Certification Test with a pass rate of 50%.
 - Local directors have already indicated to the state office that teachers and/or courses may be lost. Conference attendance will be limited, and student organization participation may be affected.
 - A decision has not been made on whether the \$100,000 Project Lead The Way Grant will be funded. Currently, it is a 50% match -- local divisions are required to spend \$50,000 in order to receive the matching \$50,000.

- ◆ ***Academic and Career Plans***
 - This will come before the Board in February and the name may be changed to: **Personal Learning Plans**. If approved, the earliest implementation would be the 2009-2010 school year. The Career Connections Specialist will be the person in charge of implementation at the state level. Counselors, CTE teachers, and others will become involved with the implementation at the local level.

◆ **CTE Technical Diploma**

- This will come before the Board in February. If approved, the earliest date of implementation will be the 2009 - 2010 school year. The Advisory Council discussed whether or not this is good for CTE. The “separation” of CTE seems to be a point of discussion as well as the fact that already of the 32,000 CTE completers, 45% graduated with advanced diplomas in 2008, therefore, that recognition is already in place.

The question has been raised-- if modification to this diploma discussion requires a class in Finance will DOE provide support for the implementation of the change? Currently, four divisions have added a credit in Finance to their graduation requirements. CTE was asked to develop Standards of Learning for this course. Currently Agricultural Education, Business and Information Technology, Family and Consumer Science, Marketing, and History and Social Studies teachers are approved to teach this course. At this time it appears as though Economics will also be included—the course name could be “Financial Literacy & Economics”. Additional information will be provided as information is received.

Program of Work/Vision Development – Presented by Mike Mills

Mike led the group in brainstorming ideas for what concerns, changes, and recommendations the council members think should be the focus of the group over the next few years. After all of the ideas are organized, the council will then have an opportunity to review and prioritize the areas which should be included in the program of work/vision for the council.

New Business

Liz brought up the fact that three members of this council have not attended a meeting in the last two years. She asked if a letter could be sent to these members asking if they want to continue serving or be removed from this council. A motion was made, seconded and approved for this to happen.

Upcoming Meetings

April 23, 2009	-	CTE Resource Center
June 9, 2009	-	TBA
August 4, 2009 (Additional)	-	Local Advisory Council members are invited to attend the Summer Conference at the Richmond Convention Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Hespe, Secretary