

**Virginia Advisory Committee Meeting
For
Career and Technical Education
October 8, 2009
Stonewall Jackson Hotel – VACTEA Conference
Staunton, Virginia**

MINUTES

In attendance:

Byron Hinton, Alan Hawthorne, Elizabeth Russell, Sandy Hespe, Jerry Stewart, Jane Foy, Brenda Long, Judy Sorrell, Allan Melton, Lynn May, Fred Norman, and Mike Mills. Guests: Leah Hamaker, Commission on Youth.

Mike Mills called the meeting to order and welcomed the group to the VACTEA Conference. The group then introduced themselves.

Update of Meeting with Dr. Wright, “Why we were removed from the agenda at the September Board meeting”, presented by Mike Mills

Lan Neugent and Mike met with Dr. Wright to discuss this concern—below are the reasons given:

- The Board had an extremely full agenda – Dr. Wright’s concern
- CTE focus should be on rigor in program areas, not diploma options
- Funding for CTE Resource Center is too narrowly focused—funding requests should be for many areas.
- Dr. Wright indicated that we are on the right track—keep up the good work and “think outside the box”.

Department of Education Updates, presented by Liz Russell

- Academic and Career Plan was approved by Board—Webinar’s will be developed as well as focus groups for counselors
- 19,842 industry credentials were awarded this year. State funds were tapped out for these credentials while some localities used Perkins funds to cover the expense of industry credentialing and the state will also be covering the remaining costs through state-level Perkins funds.
- By 2010-2011, 100% of completers will have an industry credential. This year the rate is 66%. The state will review the percentage at the end of this year and adjust the required percentage, if needed, for the 2010-2011 school year.
- The Industry Certification Report should be used for program improvement.
- State average of completers receiving Advanced Studies Diplomas – 49%. The actual percentage is 41% with rural divisions faring better.
- The Ford Foundation has become very interested in Virginia’s Career Pathway System Plan and may award Virginia a grant in the amount of \$500,000 (will reside in the VCCS Foundation) to help pilot three sites, to help develop a Career Pathway System Plan.
- Questions remain as to how the role of outside agencies, i.e., community, business and industry as the development of Career Pathways continues.

Sub-Group Work – Mike Mills

Mike explained the tasks for the sub-groups:

- Get to know team members.
- Review goals and deliverables.
- Make suggestions.
- Ask the question: What do we want to do this year?
- Teams were to work for one hour.

Constituency Team: Byron Hinton, Lynn May, Alan Hawthorne

- Focus is the connection to groups we serve. Local advisory boards and list of associated groups in Program of Work.

Concern Monitoring Team: Jerry Stewart, Chad Ratliff, Frederick Norman, Virginia Jones

- Focus is awareness of threats identified in Program of Work and creation of work by the team.

Advocacy/Marketing Team: John Cotton, Allan Melton, Jane Foy, Toney Rigali

- Focus is creating and executing systems for advocating CTE.

Executive Team: Consists of Officers and CTE Director.

- Focus is day-to-day operation of the team, meeting and speaker planning, creation of educational opportunities for board, training of new board members, and annual update to the SBOE.

At the conclusion of the group meetings, each group reported back to the group. That information will be made part of these minutes at a later time once a standard format has been decided upon and used by each team.

Other Business:

Mike shared with the group that the presentation to the State Board of Education will be made at a later time. Slides will be sent out to members for input and review.

Brenda Long shared with the group that everyone should be on LegNet. This is how you can keep up with what is going on in Richmond as well as around the state regarding CTE issues and concerns.

Upcoming Meetings:

January 14-15 2010- In conjunction with The 11th Annual Professional Leadership Seminar for Virginia Educators
Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Richmond, Virginia
Time: TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Hespe, Secretary