

## Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee Notes

**November 11, 2021**

P	Bechtel, Matt	P	Garant, Jay	A	Portillo-Gomez, Manny
A	Berry, Paul	P	Gonzalez, Juan Pablo	P	Raj, Anitha
P	Blake, Sarah	P	Gorthi, Gitika	P	Reisman, Matthew
P	Chappell, Eliza	A	Hopkins, Barbara	A	Salerno, Kate
A	Crispino, Lauren	A	Krezel, Alexa	A	Sanghera, Kammy
P	Duke, Jodi	P	Lewis, Mary	P	Smith, Shonna
A	Evans, Craig	P	Minton-Eversole, Theresa	P	Thieberger, Paul
P	Frank, Andrew	P	Parker, Joseph	P	Varkonyi, Irvin
P	Franklin, Todd	A	Phillips, Adam		

\*A = Absent P = Present

The regular meeting of the Fairfax County School Board's Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee (CTEAC) was called to order on November 11, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. by Joseph Parker, Chairman. The meeting was held in room 1002A/B of 8270 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031. The option to attend virtually was made available via Zoom.

### Call to Order and Opening Remarks – Joseph Parker

### FCPS IT Internship Program – Bretton Spar

- Overview
  - Program started in 1999 with 100 interns, and continued into 2009
  - Due to budget cuts program was on hold and started back up in 2019 with 5 interns. Currently the program has 6 interns and is projecting to have 8 interns for the 22-23SY.
- Hiring Process
  - Eligibility: Rising Junior, or Senior enrolled in academy, tech, business, arts, etc.
  - Advertising goes out to all the schools. Virtual seminars are made available to gain attentional information.
  - Student interested then apply through an online portal.
  - Interviewing process this year was held virtual, some final interviews done in person.
  - Interns typically work 8-10 hours per week.
- Experiences and Opportunities
  - Despot Management
  - Technology Support Services Center
  - Network Systems Services

- Integrated Digital Technology Services
- Tech Architecture and Assessment
- Cyber Security (next FY)
- Field Services
- Outcomes
  - Interns have gone into GMU, VA Tech, JMU, VCU, UVA, Brown, MIT, Penn State.
  - Interns have worked for FBI, HP, Patent Attorney, Paralegal, Stage Manager, ER Nurse, National's Front Office, CSX Internet Division, Leidos Cybersecurity Defense, Security Consulting, GMU IT Office, Lockheed Martin, FCPS TSSpec, and FCPS Functional Applications Specialist.
- Questions and Remarks
  - Central IT location is Sprague and Wilton Woods; however, some internship's locations are mobile.
  - Andrew Frank shared internships programs at DCPS: <https://dcpsinternships.org/>

#### **School Board Update – Melanie Meren**

- Melanie is following up with the Communications Department regarding how communication is being set to the public regarding opportunities where business partner can sync in.
- School Board will be voting on secondary course list offerings
  - Melanie will be asking how courses are being looked into, career planning, what's producing the most interest and value for students.
- Fiscal forecast was held this week. Legislative meeting with state and senate representatives will be held in December at Gatehouse.

#### **Career and Technical Education Highlights and Career Clusters – Whitney Ketchledge**

- Review of November CTE Highlights
- Review of Career Clusters
  - FCPS currently has 17 Career Clusters and 70 Pathways.
  - Career Clusters to possibly add as a CTEAC subcommittee:
    - Cluster Review – Energy
    - Cluster Review – Manufacturing
    - Cluster Review – Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics

#### **New Business – Whitney Ketchledge and Irvin Varkonyi**

- Upcoming Meeting
  - No December meeting
  - On January 13, 2022, we will be visiting schools to learn about current programs, see labs and classroom spaces, and talk to students, teachers, and administrators. We will split into small groups in order to reduce impact to each school. A virtual option will be available for those who are not available to attend in person.
  - Use the Google form to let us know if you will be attending January's CTEAC meeting and to select a subcommittee for the 21-22SY.

- Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/jDd1LwQfB41NfBLG7>
- Deadline to submit form is Friday, December 3, 2021.
- CTE will gather guidance from School Board Office regarding advisory board subcommittee meetings and will be shared once we receive feedback.
- CTEAC is now looking for a PTA representative.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** January 13, 2022, 8:30 a.m. Various Academies. Zoom option will be available.

**Mission Statement:** To provide advice to the school administration and the School Board on career and technical education programs and initiatives for the purpose of improving the effectiveness of these programs and associated courses in providing students with the knowledge and skills that contribute to their preparation for the workforce, military, and/or continuing education in a competitive global economy, and to help the schools obtain support and participation from the business community and the public.

**Committee Charge:** In collaboration with key stakeholders, ensure equitable awareness, access, and participation in all CTE programs. Ensure greater awareness of career-readiness options provided by CTE programs with a new emphasis on exposure to working in a virtual or hybrid workplace, workforce trends, and growing leadership skills.

*Issues related to Career and Technical Education should be submitted in writing to the executive council for consideration as future agenda items.*