

Bellflower Unified School District
Career Technical Education
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2023

PRESENT:

Ena Alcaraz	Babak Aminitehrani
Theresa Contreras	Belinda Davila
Melissa Ellis	Gerard Greenidge
Alan Gregory	Jasmine Lane
Colleen McKinley	Joe Mulleary
Victor Palacios	Joanne Perez-Rails
Michael Pierini	Ben Drati
Lisa Azevedo	Lisa Swearingen

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm by Lisa Azevedo. The meeting was held via Google Meet (meet.google.com/gov-atut-hsg).

II. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

All members present were introduced by Mrs. Azevedo.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

Ena Alcaraz made a motion to approve the minutes with the correct spelling for Babak's last name: Aminitehrani. Melissa Ellis seconded.

IV. DR. DRATI, SUPERINTENDENT BUSD

Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent of Bellflower Unified School District shared his excitement for this committee and the work that is being done. Dr. Drati shared how we need to equip our students for the workforce whether they are going to college or not. As a District, we need to adapt to changes in the workforce and meet demands. Embrace bringing the outside world into the classroom. Dr. Drati is currently embarking on a "listening tour" within the District. Dr. Drati would like to get BUSD to a point where students are certified in one subject before they graduate.

V. PROGRAM UPDATES

a. Perkins

For the 2022-23 school year, we received \$117,000.00. Our goal is to fully expend by the end of the school year. Lisa Azevedo will be applying for next year's funding and will work on next week. Expected allocation is going up to \$123,000.00.

- b. CTE Incentive Grant (CTEIG)
For the 2022-23 school year, we have not received allocation yet which is normal. For the 2021-22 school year, we receive \$885,000.00. This year's grant is approximately \$911,00.00. Will be receiving funding after year end spending deadlines for purchase orders so this will be used the following school year. The new application window will open late summer.
- c. K12 SWP Grants
BUSD just closed their first grant which was the Pathways for All which was approximately \$835,000.00. The K12 Combs allocation was \$664,000.00.

VI. CTEIG HIGH QUALITY CTE PROGRAM EVALUATION

Lisa Azevedo shared highlights. Page 2 all classes are aligned to CTE standards. Page 4 ensures courses build upon one another. Page 9 needs improvement in standard three - CTE students receiving CTE counseling services. Page 11 standard three -student leadership development is an area of strength. We encourage students to compete with each other in their fields. Page 14 discusses building industry partnerships. While we do good in this area, we do need more industry partnerships involved. Page 16 an area of improvement is industry internships. Since COVID, this number has gone down. Page 24 we need to make sure our students are leaving with a certificate, employment or college credit.

Ena Alcaraz shared if we could look at possibly creating a working document for "wish" lists to collaborate on together.

Jasmine Lane shared with more internship opportunities, she believes we could get more student involvement.

Gerard Greenidge asked if any of this would go down to the elementary level. Lisa Azevedo shared that this document is specifically for high school however we are making sure middle school students are aware and planning. District does set aside allocation for elementary STEAM activities. Gerard shared that funding may not always be available to expose elementary students to CTE pathways.

Melissa Ellis shared about Baxter's VIP lunches. This monthly lunch activity helped expose elementary students to a variety of CTE pathways. Melissa also shared about an internship with Kaiser that will be coming out soon.

VII. STUDENT CTSO PARTICIPATION

BUSD has a large number of students participating in SkillsUSA and FCCLA. This year we are taking 55 students to SkillsUSA. A big thank you to the teachers/advisors for preparing students for these competitions. These competitions are a life experience for these students. SkillsUSA competition is in April in Ontario.

VIII. PROPOSED NEW CTE COURSE OPTIONS FOR 2023-2024

We will be opening the BioAnimaker lab in fall at Mayfair High School. The transportation sector at Bellflower High School will open two new pathways for students. BHS will start an aviation pilot and drone flight pathways. CalAPS received a new K12 grant to support aviation (\$873,000.00) and will be looking forward to working with Cypress Community College. Bellflower Middle School will be adding new middle school transportation courses. Bellflower High School will be adding a Peer Counseling capstone course.

For aviation, Theresa Contreras has a contact for this course for Lisa Azevedo.

IX. UPDATE STEAM BUILDING AT MHS

Working on setting up classrooms with furniture and equipment. The plan is to have teachers move over the summer and prepare for starting classes in the 2023-24 school year. Jasmine Lane shared about the excitement among staff and can't wait to see all the new equipment.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE - SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.