

CTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

February 19, 2025

Welcome/Call to Order 3:03 pm

Introductions/Roll Call

Committee Members Present

Andrea Wade, CTE Director
Sarah Gillam, Asst. Superintendent
Meredith Maple, School Board
Dave Dershin, FPA Representative
Peter Daley, FEA Representative
Tara Devaughn, Secondary Curriculum
Coordinator (Parent)

Kate Hall, Ex. Director Special Education
Andrea Gelvin, Gelvin Professional Training/HOSA
Juanita Webb, Explore Fairbanks
Chelsea Taylor, McKinney Vento/Foster Care
Georgia Sandgren, Military Student Support
Amy Schumacher, Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center
Mark Pliska, Alaska West

Committee Members Not Present

Shaheena Shahid, ELL Director
Karen Lapp, Foundation Health
Melissa Sawchuk, UAF Allied Health
Keith Swarner, UAF/CTC Faculty

Rodney Wolcott, Local 375 Plumbers & Pipefitters
John George, UAF/CTC Faculty
Michelle Spillane, UAF Upward Bound

Staff Present

Audra Forsman, Work-based Learning Coordinator
Julie Luddington, CTE Technician

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Overview of New Career Clusters from Advanced CTE

- Andrea shared information regarding an upcoming change in our Career Clusters. At the federal level, there are currently 16 career clusters. Moving forward, this will be streamlined to include 11 primary clusters and 3 cross-cutting clusters. We will begin transitioning to the updated cluster titles, but what our teachers are doing now will largely remain the same. Full implementation is expected by the 2026–2027 school year for federal reporting. As part of this transition, the Arts, A/V cluster will be renamed to better align with the needs of industry. Changes will offer more flexibility.
 - [Career Cluster](#) infographic shared.

- **CTE Program Updates**

- Spring Opportunities-

- Our Firefighter program has 10 students. We hear good reports from the kids and John George, UAF Fire Science Program Director. We are looking to offer it again next year during the spring semester. Students will earn 15 credits and be able to get a job at a fire station right away. Students must be 18 + to take the state certification.
 - Explore the Trades - February
 - Intro to Trades Apprenticeship - May
 - Foundation Health Summer High School Internship (SHIP)
 - Girls Who Weld - June
 - Health science camp for incoming freshmen - June The flyer will come out in March.

Our goal is for students to graduate with the skills, credentials, and experiences they need to enter the workforce immediately.

- **Update on Agriculture and Education Curriculum-**

- Education has made it through public comment and is now ready to be presented to the school board.
 - Agriculture is getting ready to be pushed out for public comment.
 - Next year, we will be bringing in Business as well as revising Arts A/V and Hospitality and Tourism. In April, we will pull together advisory committees for those programs.
 - The rotation of the curriculum is available to review.

- **CTE Data Overview**

- State and Local data infographics were shared.
 - Our district has more males than females.
 - We have a 97% graduation rate with completers.
 - FNSBSD numbers are good.
 - We will be focusing on special populations.

- **Alignment of CTE Programs with Career Clusters**

- CTE plans are based on the CLNA responses, which identify potential gaps and opportunities for growth.
 - CLNA is updated every two years. Last year's update was more intense, examining data more closely. Next year's update will be more abbreviated, fine-tuning our goals.

- Discussion ensued on how current CTE programs align with the new career clusters.

- **Industry Partnerships and Opportunities**

- Opportunities for internships, job-shadowing, and mentorships are available
- Juanita Webb of Explore Fairbanks mentioned the DMO HR Summit- Thursday 2/27/2025 - Workforce Development and Recruiting program/Career Pathways within the tourism industry.

- **Q&A and Open Discussion**

- Andrea opened the floor for any questions, suggestions, or feedback from advisory committee members.
 - Pete/Juneau- The Governor wants to significantly increase funding for CTE. Pete noted that his program's funding allocation has remained unchanged for the past 15 years despite the rising costs of materials. He stated that if you're planning to advocate in Juneau, legislators are looking for evidence of outcomes—they want to see the impact CTE is making on student success and workforce readiness.
 - Amy Schumacher-Explore the Trades had 24 students participate. One example shared was of a student who, on the first day, was disengaged and disruptive due to a lack of interest in the activity. By the second day, however, he was fully engaged and involved. Knowing what you *don't* want to do can be just as valuable as discovering what you *do* want to do.
 - Juanita Webb- Shared information about Explore Fairbanks Customer Skills class. Audra sent the information out to Careers classes.
 - Andrea Wade - Spoke to working with counselors on career development. She will be meeting with all of the counselors to talk about essential learning for career development. Pete thought having a counselor in CTE classes for a day might help them gain working knowledge of what happens in a CTE classroom.
 - Georgia asked about the envisioning of Hutchison High School. Andrea and Sarah spoke with the board earlier this year but the meetings were tabled for a while. Starting to schedule new meetings to discuss a possible revision. The Shared Building Agreement needs to be updated as well as having a space analysis.
 - Andrea Gelvin- Shared information regarding a class on Mental Health via AHEC and grant funds from Karen Lapp and Foundation Health Partners. Andrea also gave updates on other FHP classes offered. They will send out information so counselors are clear about what age group qualifies for each class.

- Andrea Wade spoke about the upcoming state CTSO conferences that our students would be participating in.
 - SkillsUSA - March
 - Keith Hobson from Anchorage is the new State Coordinator
 - HOSA - April
 - FFA - April

- **Next Meeting**
 - Data overview-April

Adjournment 4:10 pm