



Bellflower Unified School District CTE Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time:	Wednesday, March 12, 2025		
Location:	BHS Aviation Classroom Room 745		
Present:	<p>Annabel Adriatico Gilbert Castañeda Jr Belinda Davila Melissa Ellis Alex Lopez Stuart Mociłnikar Joshuar Rickards Vicky Tanner Mario Vargas</p>	<p>Dr. Babak Aminitehrani Aron Chek Jeremy Echnoz Dionne Gibson Colleen McKinley Joe Mulleary Michael Rooks Robert Thomas Arlene Whitney</p>	<p>Javier Beanes Jessica Cummings Richard Downing Dr. Jamie Jauch Kenia Mendez Michael Muñoz Danielle Scipio Aileen Tolentino</p>
	<p><i>Student Speakers: Isabelle Ra'Oof (BHS), Shalvi Dutt (BHS), Jackson Burns (MHS), Island Roy (SHS)</i></p>		
Topic	Notes		
Call to order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Gilbert Castañeda Jr. The meeting was held at Bellflower High School's Aviation Class Room (Room 745) 		
Agenda items	<p>I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS Gil Castaneda welcomed the CTE Advisory Meeting attendees and acknowledged guests who are attending the meeting for the first time.</p> <p>II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 Melissa Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes. Richard Downing seconded the motion .</p> <p>III. COMMITTEE FUNCTION OVERVIEW A brief overview of the function of the Committee was presented</p> <p>IV. FUNDING SOURCE UPDATE A summary on where CTE gets their funding source and what spending goals are in the future: <i>to invest in up-to-date equipment, modernize curricula and establish partnerships</i> was discussed. For 2024-2025, BUSD received \$530,346 from the Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG)</p> <p>V. SKILLSUSA UPDATE A total of 75 BUSD Students competed in the SkillsUSA Regionals over the course of several weekends in January & February. Thirty-eight of these students: 7 from BHS, 28 from MHS & 3 from SHS, qualified to</p>		

participate in the SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference which will take place in Ontario, CA on April 10-13.

VI. CalAPS UPDATE

Arlene Whitnely, Interim Executive Officer for CalAPS spoke about the partnerships with CTE Schools and how these partnerships impact BUSD.

VII. CTE SITE UPDATES

Student representatives from Bellflower High School, Mayfair High School, and Somerset High School were invited to share the highlights, achievements, and significant events related to Career and Technical Education (CTE) at their respective schools

VIII. SPOTLIGHT: JOB TANK, COUNSELING/MENTAL HEALTH PATHWAY and MINISTRY OF FOOD FOUNDATION

Melissa Ellis spoke about the Job Tank which will be held at BHS on April 23 and gave an overview of the Counseling/Mental Health Pathway. She also mentioned the partnership with Jamie Oliver's food education program and his upcoming visit to BUSD in May.

IX. ACCEPTANCE OF CTE ADVISORY MEMBERSHIP (IF NEW)

Attendees were invited to join the CTE Advisory Committee

X. BHS CTE CLASSROOM TOUR

Guests were given a tour of several CTE classes at Bellflower High School. Advisors for these classes briefly spoke about their pathways, highlighting how the program prepares the students for success in their chosen fields. In addition, advisors showcased new equipment that were purchased to enhance and modernize the CTE program as well as help students with hands-on, industry-relevant learning experiences.

A. 5:50-6:00 Aviation (Rob Thomas)

B. 6:00-6:05 Graphic Production (Erica Alfaro) **Class in session*

C. 6:05-6:10 Culinary (Fashion San Martin) **Class in session*

D. 6:15-6:20 Film/Video (Aron Chek)

E. 6:20-6:25 Wood Shop (Melissa Ellis)

F. 6:25-6:30 Auto Tech (Joshua Rickards/Michael Muñoz)

Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● MEETING END TIME: The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm
Next meeting date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● SEPTEMBER 2025