

CTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

April 23, 2025

3:00-4:30

520 5th Ave

Curriculum Library 4th floor

Welcome/Call to Order 3:01 pm

Introductions/Roll Call

Committee Members Present

Andrea Wade, CTE Director

Dave Dershin, FPA Representative

Peter Daley, FEA Representative

Tara Devaughn, Secondary Curriculum
Coordinator (Parent)

Kate Hall, Ex. Director, Special
Education

Georgia Sandgren, Military Student
Support

John George, UAF/CTC Faculty

Bryon Uher, UAF/CTC

Michelle Spillane, UAF Upward Bound

Juanita Webb, Explore Fairbanks

Mark Pliska, Alaska West

Karen Lapp, Foundation Health

Amy Schumacher, Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center

Rodney Wolcott, Local 375 Plumbers & Pipefitters

Committee Members Not Present

Sarah Gillam, Asst. Superintendent

Care Meredith Maple, School Board

Melissa Sawchuk, UAF Allied Health

Shaheena Shahid, ELL Director

Chelsea Taylor, McKinney Vento/Foster

Andrea Gelvin, Gelvin Professional Training/
HOSA

Staff Present

Audra Forsman, Work-based Learning Coordinator

Julie Luddington, CTE Technician

Meeting Notes February 19, 2025

Approved

Agenda April 23, 2025

Approved

State of FNSBSD CTE

- Curriculum
 - Approved Curriculum- Agriculture and Education have been approved. The education pathway began this year at West Valley. Agriculture class was piloted this year at NPHS. Both classes received positive feedback. Middle schools will be jumping on board, expanding access to these valuable programs.
 - Next Year - We will begin work on Business, MultiMedia Design and Marketing (formally known as Arts A/V), and Hospitality and Tourism. Planning will begin in May.
- Work-based Learning Update -
 - Audra Forsman - There were 22 students in the Internship program. Students did a presentation at the Sunrisers Rotary meeting.
 - Pete Daley - Girls Who Weld will be held at Hutch this year, and will return to North Pole again next summer. A DOT bridge engineer, who also serves as the Alaska AWS President, will be coordinating a special field trip for the students. This summer's project is designing and building bike racks for downtown.
 - Jesse Byer - Intro to Healthcare was cancelled because of lack of interest, only 3 students applied. Will try again next year.
 - SHIP- Only one session this time, but there are normally 2 sessions, one month long. There were 18 students.
 - A HOSA student has been hired to work in the office.
 - Andrea Wade - We are having health science summer camps at NPM and HUT to help move more students into the SHIP program.
 - Andrea Gelvin will be gone during the health science camp to attend the HOSA International Leadership conference.
 - Our goal is to offer more summer CTE camps to engage more middle school students and build stronger pathways.

Successes and Growth

- SKILLSUSA, HOSA, and FFA - Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are connected to our pathways, and their curriculum is embedded in the classroom.
 - SkillsUSA - Auto, Arts/AV, Welding, Architecture & Construction
 - HOSA - Health Science
 - FFA - Agriculture

Our goal is to strengthen each one of these CTOSs and support their continued growth and success. We have national qualifiers in each CTSO this year. FNSBSD represented well!

- Fire Science - John George
 - The majority of students will be testing this weekend. Those who are not testing are not yet 18. Some realize this is not what they wanted to do. There are nine students.
 - Tara mentioned that only 2 students have turned in outside credit paperwork. They will receive 5 high school credits as well as the 15 credits for CTC.
- North Pole High School Automotive- Submitted their ASE paperwork. They had their onsite review last week. Should be hearing results soon. Hutch is up next.
- Pete has been mentoring Eric Olsen. Pete is a certified welding inspector. Once Eric receives his certification, our district will have 2 of the 4 welding inspectors who are in education in Alaska.
 - We are promoting mentoring with our teachers and industry.

Labor Market Alignment & Trends

- Trends magazine - Good read!
- Alaska brings workers from outside.
- Mental health training for workers.
- AHEC has funding to pay for training of an instructor-
- Process Tech students - started with 24 down a little bit. Having a graduation celebration next Tuesday.
- Conoco and Hillcorp are interviewing seniors now for summer internships.
 - Discussion ensued on enticing students into high-paying, but boring-sounding jobs.

New Business

- Strategic Goals for Next Year - Shared district data from state reports (2023/2024)
 - Our goal is to get more non-traditional students in our pathways.
 - We have applied for a Non-Traditional Occupations grant to start a female construction group at Tanana Middle School, and a Coding group at Ryan.
 - We need to bring more males into health science.
 - Working on getting cosmetology at Lathrop. The students will do the bookwork during school hours, and then they will do an apprenticeship at the salons.
 - We have a lot of work to do in our district, looking at our special populations.

- Discussion took place regarding possible ways to attract more NTO students to pathways; re: Girls Who Weld, Summer Automotive class, Healthcare workshops.
 - CTE would like to have summer workshops for each pathway to garner interest.

Announcements

The ACTE Alaska conference 2025 will have an Industry and Education focus. Andrea asked Industry Partners to let he know if they would like to attend.

- Adjournment @ 4:07

NEXT MEETING DATE: TBA