

**Advisory Committee Meeting
Business Education/Computer Science/Work-Based Learning
P.R.E.P. Academy
Thomas County Central High School
March 5, 2020, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

Networking/Refreshments..... Beth Adams

Welcome..... Beth Adams

Program Overview Presentation.....Beth Adams

- Ms Adams presented data to the committee regarding Department of Labor information statistics for our area. Committee members were encouraged to help the department decide what programs and pathways would be most successful for the future of our community
- Committee members were given the opportunity to review data and give suggestions for what content needs to be a priority in our programs.

Work-Based Learning..... Brandi Miranda

- WBL needs more IT and Healthcare, and struggles with the 18 year age limit.
- Project Purpose - last year 1 company, this year 8 companies, with a variety of industries represented. Evoqua hires students out of high school making \$17-18 an hour. Project Purpose is an incentive for students to graduate high school, bring application to Brandi Miranda, Chamber of Commerce conducting interviews. Students are being trained and OSHA certified, great for students and for the companies.
8 industries participating
Tours and applications
- YEP - Chandler Foy New Hire Solutions - New Hire Solutions YEP, young entrepreneurs and professionals. Students apply to get an idea of handwriting, their interests, businesses will come in and create scenarios with students. First impressions, sales, hand shaking. Students earn points, gift for 1st place.

Computer Science Efforts.....Mark Thompson

- Changing IT pathways - Attended conference in Austin TX, Technology conference to see what other states are doing in technology education. The big thing that we say was the internet of things. Proposing to remove pathway and replace with IOT pathway, expected by 2023 at least 43 B devices. Market is expected to double by next year. IOT in business has grown. Many jobs for those that understand embedded computing. GA tech just added it to their course offerings last year. The pathway we have currently, Programing, games, apps, society is more in theory, we need one that is more practical application. Keep Computer Sci and replace

programming. All 5 programs in the state are doing well, great engagement. This is new, curriculum development is crucial.

Business Education Updates.....Mindy Pierce

- Industry Re-Certification is going well, showed attendees the website being created. Industry Certification site visit scheduled for 4/15/2020 - will be sending out invitations soon.

FBLA/School Store.....Nick Haskin/Emily Potter

- FBLA 101 members, Gold Chapter Region winners again, 40 students qualified for over 80 events. Taking 36 students to state in Atlanta
School Store recertification

Bishop Hall Charter School Updates.....Regina Beasley

- WBL new this year, we were required to start with 5 students and build over 5 years to 20 students. We have 12 students currently so it is going well. In the next few weeks March 18 we will have a college and career expo 10-12 in gym. 1-2 panel discussion college reps, military, industry reps. FBLA 2 students to qualify for state.

Thomas County Middle School Updates.....Karen Paulino/William Hanna

- middle school aligns with high school
- Paulino - working on Employability skills, working on standing in front of the class.

Adjournment..... Brandi Miranda