

**Tustin Unified School District
Career Technical Education Advisory Committee Meeting
May 26, 2016**

Advisory Committee Attendees (Chair*):

Tammie Bullard
Maggie Burdette
Donnie Rafter
Dwight Schmidt
Michelle England
Ed Hernandez
Sherrie Pawley
Christopher Perdue
Jim Walters*
Grant Litfin

Introductions/Sign In:

All present members of the CTE CAC signed in and introduced themselves.

For record keeping purposes another election for Chair of the CTE CAC was held at the start of the 5.26.16 meeting. This election was to close out the 2014-15, and 2015-16 term. A motion to have Jim Walters of Spec Services continue in this role was put forward by Tammie Bullard. The motion was seconded by Chris Perdue, and the motion carried unanimously. Jim Walters will complete his term as CTE CAC Chair at the end of this meeting.

CTE Pathway Review & Vision Setting:

Dr. Litfin presented the newest version of the TUSD CTE Pathway Chart. This color-coded chart illustrates all of the CTE Pathway courses offered at each TUSD High School. THS Engineering Teacher Ed Hernandez expressed concern over Engineering Pathway Course Sequences and the lack of alignment between the FEAT Program and T-Tech CPA Academies. He proposed that this sequence be investigated and realigned for future years. The committee at large was positive about the number and variety of pathway offerings present in TUSD. The committee supported moving into the 2016-17 school year with this slate of offerings.

Changes in CTE:

Legislative Update / Credentialing:

Dr. Litfin presented an update on new ways that legislation and available grant funding may impact TUSD pathway programs. TUSD recently received an update that indicated that CTE Credentials would be required in order to spend future Perkins and CTEIG funding on their programs. In past years, the understanding was that all Highly Qualified Teachers were in play for CTE spending. An analysis is underway for how to most efficiently credential our staff.

Measuring Success / College and Career Readiness / Etc.:

TUSD Pathway programs continue to do very well compared to state averages. Not only do a significant number of students participate in our CTE pathways, but many continue on to become concentrators or completers, and nearly all graduate from high school. Articulations with local community colleges have increased over the course of the year, and dual enrollment opportunities are in the works as well. TUSD is continuing all partnerships in CTE with Coastline ROP, Vital Link, and OCCPP. Pathways will continue to be refined and solidified throughout the summer with the goal of locking in pathways for the foreseeable future.

Funding Review:

Dr. Litfin shared that funding sources are growing in TUSD. Aside from the credentialing concern, this is a great thing for TUSD pathways. OCCPP has two years of remaining funding and produces about \$140,000 for the upcoming year, Perkins funding is anticipated to remain stable around \$150,000 per year, CPA is in play for both TTEch and FEAT Engineering Academies, CTEIG is new funding for CTE over the next three years and is anticipated to bring in just under one million dollars during year one.

Certifications & Articulations:

Mr. Hernandez shared his experiences with certifications like SolidWorks and Autodesk for the Engineering Academies in TUSD. He also shared the rate in which his students are able to pass certification exams. Other certifications were explored and discussed. This includes the use of Certiport in future years to expand certification opportunities for students. Articulations are in place with Irvine Valley College, and Mr. Hernandez shared that many of these are courses within his and Mr. Farr's Engineering Academies. Other opportunities for articulation and dual enrollment are being forged in both media arts and business areas across TUSD.

Work Based Learning / Culminating Projects:

Mr. Perdue and Mr. Hernandez both shared examples of culminating projects and work based learning experiences from their classes. Dr. Litfin also shared a slide presentation with pictures from across the district giving examples of these projects.

Internships:

Mr. Hernandez presented the fact that his T-Tech Boeing internship will once again be available to students for the summer of 2016. In addition, it was announced that UPS will also offer internship opportunities to T-Tech students in the summer of 2016. Efforts to expand internship and externship opportunities were discussed as a group and it will remain an emphasis in future years.

Suggestions & Next Steps:

It was suggested by the committee that we continue to work with the WIB, Coastline ROP and OCCPP regularly to analyze job trends and to respond with our pathway plan accordingly. It was suggested to keep exploring internship opportunities in more pathways than Engineering. It was also suggested to expand articulation opportunities and the efforts to credential more teachers in CTE areas as quickly as possible.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Walters at 4:47 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will take place at the start of the 2016-17 school year. The meeting will be temporarily scheduled for the start of October.