

Career and Technical Advisory Committee (C-TAC)
Minutes 9-30-2010
11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

I. Safety Minute

Dan Bohrnsen went over the safety information for the building.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Members present: Bob Hammer, Ruben Foster, Wally Ward, Walt Ward, Diana Spann, Doug Grzybowski, Dan Bohrnsen, Tim Vlasak, Randy Neill, Debbie Pearson, Loretta Spalding

Guest Speaker: Todd Syverson, Soldotna High School (Sohi)

III. Approval of Minutes – 4/20/10 – Walt Ward moved for approval of the minutes. Tim Vlasak seconded. Minutes approved.

IV. C-TAC Meeting Schedule was approved

V. Workforce Development Program – CEF Grant
a. Academies Update

Dan presented a list of Academies that will be offered this year. (see attached) The CTAC members were asked what classes they might like to see in the future.

Walt Ward mentioned that at one time the district looked into an “Introduction to Minerals and Mining” class and if Pebble were to go through this may be a class worth looking into. Bob Hammer discussed the possibility of having kids in some of the remote schools use the Simulated Welder from the Alaska General Contractors Association, and receive an Exploratory Credit.

Dan presented a list of on-line CTE courses (see attached).

Rubin Foster discussed students taking many on-line classes through KPC. He currently offers an “Introduction to Criminal Law” that students can currently take.

VI. Workforce Development Program – Youth First Grant

Loretta discussed the current Youth First classes that are offered, and mentioned that the ETT class will be starting October 10th. Dan discussed the funding of the CTSO’s would be handled through the Youth First Grant this year. Loretta discussed the willingness of the Youth First grant to fund the CSTSO’s because they have an excellent Professional Development component which will count toward employability skills grant requirements. There will be 5 CTSO clubs this year: Kenai SkillsUSA = Scott Peek; Sohi SkillsUSA = Doug Gordan; Homer

SkillsUSA = Josh Brege; Homer FFA = Francie Roberts; and Skyview SkillsUSA = Barry Hartman & Bill Carlson

a. Academies Update

The following academies will be funded through this grant: Emergency Trauma Technician (ETT)=instructor Terry Bookey, CES; Intro to Criminal Justice=Paul Scott, Probation State of Alaska, Personal Care Attendant = instructor Betty Miller Nurse, Skyview and ETT Homer Flex= instructor Samantha Cunningham, CES.

VII. Summer Externships Report –

Todd Severson presented a power point he developed after completing his externship at Marathon Oil. He will be using this presentation in different classes to support career exploration in oil and gas industries. During the externship he interviewed Marathon employees throughout the organization and a reoccurring theme was to encourage students to take lots of math. He thanked Wally Ward for assisting with the Externship and felt it was a rewarding experience and gave him a firsthand knowledge of the careers available and how students can prepare for them.

VIII. Lunch

During lunch a video for the Construction Career Day was shown. This year the day will be held April 27th at the Soldotna Sports Center. Students from around the District will be able to attend and participate in hands on activities, learn about apprenticeships/training programs and learn more about career options in Alaska's construction trades.

IX. Career and Technical Education – Carl Perkins Grant

- a. Dan discussed using some of the Carl Perkins grant to fund Industry Certifications to students. Bob Hammer recommended the NCCER certification to all the shop classes. Diana Spann discussed WorkKeys Certification and how employers are beginning to see the value of including WorkKeys in their hiring process.
- b. Carl Perkins is also funding "Industry Expert" teachers to come into some of the High Schools to help the teachers that have a wide range of student competencies. Currently Ed Parson is helping in the welding shop at SoHi.

X. Senior Job Club

Bob Hammer reported the CTE department had received a grant to develop and implement a "Job Club". This will be a combination of employability skills training combined with some intensive skills training. The goal is to assist students interested in construction to obtain a job or connect them with training programs to increase their chances of obtaining employment in

Alaska's construction industry. Bob said the goal is to serve 5-10 students this year and he felt they would have a good chance at a job if they completed the training.

XI. Employer Connections (based on Summit Meeting on Sept. 16th)

Dan Bohrnsen said one suggestion from the Employer Summit which was held on September 16th was for the school to offer more employability skills training. Rubin Foster said bringing Industry into the classroom and utilizing professionals in the community to enhance the classroom curriculum was also brought up in the summit.

XII. For the Good of the Order

Wally Ward said Marathon had hosted the externship program for the past two years and really liked the program. He felt it benefitted industry and schools to have teachers gain a firsthand knowledge of how the gas industry works.

The CTAC members thanked him for his participation in the program.

XIII. Next Meeting – December 9, 2010 – Peninsula Job Center