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Advisory Committee Minutes

Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 4pm in the School Media Center

Mrs. Valarie Ragland, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Members present were: Valarie Ragland – Chairperson, Ashley Dubois – Vice Chairperson, Joe Brannen, Jacquelyn Ogden, Cornelia Hall, Gequetta Jenkins, Ec Everett, Vernon Wright, Angelina Brown, T. martin Flowers, Keorka Wilder, Timothy Sheppard, Robert Kicklighter.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Opening:

Dr. Jenkins, principal, opened with greetings to the Advisory Board members. She explained that the School Board voted down the idea of Savannah high becoming a career Academy on the East side. The community feedback concerned competition against Woodville Tompkins Career Academy. Dr. Jenkins went on to express that Law and 3DE are the Choice programs for the School of Liberal Studies.

Ms. Ogden asked for an explanation of 3DE and whether the Board of Education would re-examine the status of the school.

Dr. Jenkins briefly explained the 3DE program and its link to Junior Achievement. She further explained that the issue of an East Side Academy may still be coming.

Perkins Funding – Ms. Ogden asked about the funding coming from the Perkins Grant. It was explained by Dr. Jenkins that the Perkins Grant funds are very specific as to how they can be used. They are specific to CTAE and no other department.

Pathway Reports were given as follows:

Cosmetology – Ms. Brown advised the Board that they have entered into a contractual agreement with the Pennsylvania Avenue Resource Center (PARC). Thru this partnership, services will be provided for Seniors on Mondays and Wednesdays.

We are also seeking to establish a relationship with Savannah Technical School and Empire Beauty School to provide the cosmetology students with dual enrollment opportunities.

Law – Mr. Kicklighter spoke about the Law pathway. He explained that we have a Criminal Investigations pathway and a paralegal pathway. Presently, he is working with his students to prepare them for the mock Trials competition. Unfortunately, some students have problems with transportation which will affect the team regarding State competition. He is hoping to link

with Savannah Technical College's Paralegal program as well as Cybersecurity thru Dual Enrollment.

Mrs. Hall inquired about school bus availability. The concern is that Mock Trials is an after-school activity. Students would not have rides home.

Ms. Ogden suggested seeking assistance from the Savannah Bar or the Sheriff's Department since they have a bus. She also mentioned the possibility of collaborating with Junior Achievement to raise funds.

Business – Mrs. Wilder spoke briefly about the need for technical expertise to include typing. Students need to prepare for certification in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel. This starts in the Intro to Business Technology class. We presently have approximately sixty (60) students. Students complete three courses in preparation for the End of Pathway Assessment (EOP). They are encouraged to join Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and have been on several business field trips.

Ms. Ogden advised she will work on assisting us with a Chamber of Commerce contact.

J.R.O.T.C. – Col. Flowers spoke concerning the JROTC program. The program is about Citizenship and not the military. His biggest challenge is Leadership Development. Currently he has no seniors which makes team work more important.

Barbering – Mr. Wright spoke about participating in the contract with the PARC. He also spoke of partnering with Savannah Technical College. In addition to training approximately forty (40) students for Entrepreneurship, his students competed against college students and were very successful.

Culinary – Chef Everett advised that our Culinary pathway is a work in progress. They have approximately forty (40) students and are also working to establish a partnership with the PARC.

Ms. Ogden suggested we seek the assistance of WTOC to feature our programs. It was noted that Dawn Baker is an alumna of Savannah High and would be a good contact to get this underway.

Mrs. Ragland complimented everyone and agreed that we should work to promote our pathways.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.