

Education Advisory Group

March 30, 2011

8:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

Calhoun ISD

Meeting Minutes

Members and Alternates Present: Fred Clarke, Calhoun Local District Representative/Albion; Anita Henderson, WDB Member; Leigh Hicks, Branch Area Career Center/Academic Representative; Kris Jenkins, Calhoun ISD; Jeff Jennette, Barry ISD/Local District Representative; Jan Karazim, Alternate/KCC/Post-Secondary Institution; Joe Lopez, Vice Chair/Branch Local District Representative/Quincy; Dan Luciani, Calhoun Parent Representative; Al Miller, WDB/Education Representative; Michelle Milnes, Non-WDB Employer; Kathy Rose, WDB Member; Michele Streets, Non-WDB Employer; Cindy Smith, Branch Parent Advisor

Guests/Presenters: Lisa Larson, WIA Youth, Calhoun ISD

The meeting was called to order by Kris Jenkins. Mike Hoffner was out of town and unable to attend. Vice Chair Joe Lopez took Mike's place.

Welcome and Introductions: Kris asked that introductions be made.

Minutes: February 10, 2011 EAG meeting minutes were approved as printed.

WIA Youth Information:

Lisa Larson presented the updated WIA Youth information.

- Calhoun has exited about 10 more kids since this report. WIA will now enroll new kids into the program in place of those that have exited.
- Since the last meeting, the two students that were reported as failed (because of a reporting error) have now been fixed.
- The question was asked whether WIA funding will be cut.
 - Lisa said that potentially the possibility is there, but more likely just a percentage will be cut. There is no clear answer today.
- It was asked what support system is given by WIA to the kids once they go to college? They are given money, but then where is the support to tell them they have to do their work?
 - Lisa said she has heard that some colleges step in to provide tutors. Jan Karazim also said that KCC provides support but a lot of the time the kids don't show up to take advantage of it. Kris mentioned that the dual enrollment opportunities are good so kids can learn those responsibilities.

Update on Federal Budget:

Kris detailed the Federal budget proposals and how they may affect Tech Prep and Perkins funding beginning in the 2011-2012 fiscal school year. In short, Tech Prep could be scaled down quite a bit each year for a few years until it goes away, but most likely it will be totally eliminated for next year. Tech Prep funds have covered the costs for PD for our districts, Counselors Academies, Counselors Connect workshops and a lot of the work Tony does with EDPs for the districts and all of the articulation work done with KCC and a portion of Brita's salary for coordination. Perkins most likely will have a significant cut but should survive and be funded. As Kris said, the cuts are a drop in the bucket for the national and state budgets, but will affect the region and our districts in a big way. The decision has to be made by April 8, so more information will follow after that date.

Secondary Perkins:

Kris went over the 2009-2010 CTE Perkins Regional Improvement Plans and also the 2011-2012 CTE Perkins Grant Plan Application. The detailed plan was given as a handout and can also be

found on the CISD website at:

<http://calhounisd.org/departments/curriculumassessment/careerdevelopment/perkins/>

Fred Clarke mentioned that more detail needs to be written into the application concerning the work that the Academic Consultants do with the CTE courses and teachers. The same needs to be done with the Data Specialist. Kris will make those changes immediately. Joe Lopez called for approval of the plan and the motion passed unanimously.

Tech Prep:

Kris detailed the 2009-2010 Tech Prep Regional Improvement Plans and also the 2011-2012 Tech Prep Grant Plan Application. Even though funding may be cut, we were still required to submit an application by the April 1 deadline. The detailed plan was given as a handout and can also be found on the CISD website at:

<http://calhounisd.org/departments/curriculumassessment/careerdevelopment/techprep/>

Joe Lopez called for approval of the plan and the motion passed unanimously.

TRAC Audit Update:

The TRAC audit was done in one day on March 23 (almost unheard of) and went very well. We were complimented on how well we work together as a region. There were a few citations, but some have already been resolved and the rest are not so serious that they can't be worked out.

Barry, Branch, Calhoun Updates and Employer Updates:

- WIA held an evening training for a culinary program for adults in Branch and Calhoun counties. Three participants from Calhoun attended the program, held at Branch ISD. They were given tasks by culinary instructors and it was a fun competition, they were learning a skill. This netted very positive results as some participants have gotten a job in the field and some are getting interviews.
- The calendar for the 2011-2012 EAG meeting dates was given out.
- Joe Lopez congratulated Fred Clarke, as did the rest of the committee, on his new position as Rochester Superintendent. We all wish Fred good luck. Fred also thanked everyone for the support he and his family have received from our region and community.

NEXT MEETING: September 15, 2011, 8:30 a.m-10:30 a.m. at Calhoun ISD

Minutes were compiled by Brita Blue