

## ACE Meeting Minutes

*The purpose of the Advisory Council for Education is to provide a systematic representative public involvement in educational decisions under consideration by the Board of Directors.*

**May 5, 2023**  
**6:00-7:30 p.m.**

### **Members Present**

Sarah Blake, Grant Cramer, Britt Kleinman, Nichole Henderson, Erica Knapp, Karrie Marsh, Anne McAlvey, Kimberly Meno, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting

### **Guests Present**

Lisa Rodino, Brian Long

### **Call to Order**

6:00 p.m.

### **Approve Minutes**

Kimberly Meno made a motion, seconded by Erica Knapp, to approve the April 13 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

### **CTE Update**

- Our students are mostly interested in culinary arts, 400 kids!
- Seeing a complete lack of planning and desire to look to the future, COVID exacerbated this
- About 10 percent are high flyers, know what they want to do
- Fear of failure is paralyzing many students
- Problem across the board, not happening just in Arlington
- Students are failing to launch their lives and their careers
- CTE Pathway sheets- Manufacturing pathway (about 20 pathways total)
- Handed out to 8<sup>th</sup> graders that are entering high school
- Try to make it as real as possible
- Career fairs, bring in guest speakers
- A lot of kids don't know what they want to do
- Keep all doors open, it's okay to change your mind!
- Mentoring is a good idea but it's hard to manage this
- CTE funded entirely by number of students in CTE program
- Goal trying to leverage high school and beyond plan, begin in 7<sup>th</sup> grade to choose a path for graduation, explore career ahead of time

### **Student Internship Update**

#### **Internship Program Process:**

- Meet with new businesses during the summer and fall
- Internship program rolls out to students at the beginning of March
- Students complete interest survey
- Student eligibility is confirmed and interview is scheduled
- Business partner meeting to develop learning objectives
- Meet and Greet for Medical Internships
- Kick Off Event
- Internship class in May
- Internships begin when school is done and finish by Aug 31st

#### **Summer 2022**

- 10 businesses had interns last summer
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#### **Summer 2023**

- Currently have 12 businesses and 16 available internships
- Unable to find students for 5 internships

### **District Informational Update**

- Visits with board to Eagle Creek and Post
- Spring Community Voices
- WASA Awards
- Surveys
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Student Advisors- School Messenger to parents regarding positions
- Scholarship Night, May 23

### **Student Updates and Perspectives**

- Grant - track is finishing up, assembly tomorrow, pep assembly, now ASB secretary, doing morning announcements

### **Closing**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on May 30 at 6 p.m. in the Lincoln Room.