

Career and Technical Education
Technical Skills Committee Meeting
Douglas High School
Minden, Nevada
Thursday, November 19, 2009
5:30 p.m.

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Minutes

Present:

Lyn Gorrindo
Karen Chessell
Doris Hoskin
Tricia Wentz
Kerry Stack

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was attempted to be recorded but the tape recorder malfunctioned.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Wentz.

A motion was made by Doris Hoskin, seconded by Mrs. Chessell, to approve the agenda.
Motion carried 6-0.

Review of Minutes from April 23, 2009:

A motion was made to approve the minutes with corrections by Karen Chessell, seconded by Doris Hoskin.
Motion carried, 6-0.

Update on FY 09/10 Grant Expenditures:

Ms. Wentz provided an update on the CTE programs funded by federal and state monies. The summary of the grant awards is attached. Kerry Stack explained how she was implementing the grant money she has received in the culinary program and expressed her gratitude.

As Ms. Wentz explained grant allocations, the discussion lead to a need for further recruitment for the CTE advisory board. Mr. David Goodwin has submitted his resignation. Ms. Wentz will speak to the CTE teachers to seek additional names of community members that might be interested in serving on the committee. Karen Chessell will speak with a co-worker that may also have Carson Valley community connections.

Update on 2009-10 CTE Programs and Skills USA and FFA:

A review of the enrollment of CTE classes for 2008-09 was provided. Ms. Wentz commented that the numbers are similar to the previous years. Kerry Stack's Culinary Arts program continues to grow with 4 periods of Culinary Arts I this year. We did lose computer maintenance off the 09-10 class schedule due to under-enrollment. An option may be to offer computer maintenance every other year.

Enrollment of FFA members currently stands at 219. Skills USA membership is 49. This is a decrease of 90 from last year at this time. A discussion followed concerning the drug policy and co-curricular activities. Are these kids not joining Skills USA in fear of being tested? Will there be an influx of members joining closer to the competition? Is it an economic issue? Ms. Stack expressed concern that the drug testing policy may be targeting a certain segment of our student population. Her students need the connection that CTE offers and the drug testing policy may be forcing students to stay away. The possibility of developing a task force that

would consist of students, administrators, teachers, and board members to investigate the implications of the drug testing policy was discussed. Ms. Wentz, Ms. Stack and Ms. Gorrindo will continue to collect data on this and report at the next CTE committee meeting in January.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.