

Joint Citizens Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC)/CTE Meeting April 3, 2014

Welcome and Overview

Dr. Reid welcomed members of the CBAC and CTE committees to a joint meeting of the two committees. In past weeks, the CBAC has been working on plans for the upcoming bond and the CTE group has been focusing on work for a CTE center.

Professional help was sought for the design, planning, and budgeting for a CTE center. Hudson Huff, Executive Director of Facility Services provided an overview of the process for architect selection. RFQ's were received and four architect firms were selected to be interviewed. Each firm interviewed (Corgan, Huckabee, VLK, and SHW) had experience with K-12 facilities and design of CTE centers. The interview panel, consisting of a Board member, Chief Technology Officer, CTE staff, campus administration, and our Purchasing Director, brought forward a recommendation for Corgan Architects for this project. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation at the March 27 Board meeting. A maximum of \$35,000 of currently available bond dollars will be used for the design phase prior to results of the upcoming November bond election.

Steve Hulseley from Corgan Architects provided the committee members with background of the seventy-five year old architectural firm which got its start in Dallas. They have been designing educational facilities for over sixty years and will build with us the other members of the team we will need for building a CTE facility.

Mr. Hulseley provided a look at different CTE facility models:

- The Grand Prairie ISD facility has a very corporate feel. They have a full time, all day program for their students. Their program was full beginning in their second year and has remained full ever since.
- Tyler ISD has an Advanced Technology Center which is a "come and go" model. Northwest ISD has yet another version which provides different strands at each of their high schools.
- Fort Worth ISD's Northside High School provides a culinary facility and virtual learning center which is used by students from the entire district.
- Red Oak ISD partners with Texas State Technical College as a joint facility providing dual credit for students.
- Eagle Mountain Saginaw ISD, Birdville ISD, Denton ISD, and Grapevine Colleyville ISD all have very modern/corporate feeling facilities. HEB's CTE center is currently under construction and will serve all of their high schools.

Casey Stone, Director of Career Technical Education, Innovation and Virtual Learning, shared that the CTE Subcommittee composed of students, teachers, parents, community and industry partners, and campus administrators has met together and in work groups. Committee members value entrepreneurial skills in addition to work experience.

The group looked at seventeen courses and ranked them in what they felt was priority order:

Culinary Arts
Health Science
Law Enforcement
Cosmetology
Auto Tech
Architecture & Construction
Special Ed Workforce Transition Program
Career Center
Commercial Photography Studio
Audio/Visual Production Studios
Info Tech
KISD Spirit Store
STEM
Vet Tech
Adult Training Center
Child Care Center
Career Awareness Facility (1st-6th students)

The joint CBAC/CTE Committee members worked in table groups to discuss any changes to be considered in course ranking priorities. Forms were provided for recording ideas and suggestions and further information will be provided in the upcoming weeks. The suggestion was made that STEM, which is currently ranked #13, be moved up on the list. Once we have some budget numbers in place, programming priority will be easier to accomplish.

An important aspect of our CTE facility is to be sure our design can be converted to meet other needs as we reevaluate programs in the future. Flexibility is a necessity in structure, furnishings, etc. It is important to the committee that students learn marketing and how to run a business for any of the career fields they are studying. It is also important that we integrate dual credit opportunities.

Mr. Hulsey discussed next steps which include choosing a site for the CTE facility, determining square footage, and determining visual preference for the building. Possible visual images will be provided for study to help narrow down the desired aesthetics and conceptual image of how this facility will represent KISD and the community.

The CTE Subcommittee will likely hold two or more meetings between now and the end of April. The next CBAC meeting is scheduled for April 30. We will begin putting the scope and dollar figures to the project as we move forward.