



**Sweeny Independent School District**  
Career and Technology Advisory Council  
Minutes – November 19, 2014

**Members Present**

**Administration:**

Randy Miksch  
Les Kluttz  
Renee Mitchell  
Amy Pope

**Teachers:**

Kelly Bertsch  
Windy Byrd  
Jeff Kemmerling  
Mark Manley  
Tyler Sullivan  
Curtis Schmidt  
Darla Reynolds  
Ronald Wilson  
Alaina Bell

**Community Members:**

Sabrina Cannon  
Glenn Campbell  
Beth Cassidy  
John Crouch  
Qiu Ling Crouch  
TJ Loftus  
Connie McAda  
John Mack  
Earl Mathis  
Rebecca Mathis

**Students:**

Brady Byrd  
Alexis Mack

**The Chairperson's Message**

Jeff Kemmerling, Co-Chair, brought the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked ChevronPhillips for hosting the meeting at the PetroAcademy. Mr. Kemmerling introduced Mr. Schroller, instructor for the Academy.

**Old Business**

Mrs. Byrd read minutes from April 14, 2014 meeting. Mark Manley motioned to approve meeting minutes, Sabrina Cannon 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

**New Business**

Mr. Tyler Sullivan presented on his business program at the high school. He explained that his students go through the entire business cycle and actually apply what they are learning to a real scenario. All profits from their business efforts will go to prom committee.

Our new engineering lead at the high school, Mr. Schmidt, introduced himself and shared that his class is working on a Google Sketch up project and they build spaghetti towers. He also shared an update on Jake Crouch's project. He is working on a programming project with a student in Romania.

Our new floral design teacher, Alaina Bell, discussed her programs.

Mr. Kemmerling discussed a new mission statement and vision that better represents our CTE program. (Attached)

Mr. Randy Miksch nominated Mr. Charlie Greenberg to fulfill the Co-President position for our council board.

**Facility Tour**

Mr. Scholler gave a tour of the training facility. We viewed the instrumentation lab, machine room with a turbine, and mechanical room with a distillation tower. Mr. Scholler explained that the academy offers 5 college credit classes at the facility with about 70 students enrolled.

## Open Forum

Mr. Kemmerling led the open forum conversation. He explained that this is an opportunity for our community and business partners to express concerns or make suggestions based upon their experience in the field.

Mr. Mack and Mrs. McAda shared concerns in our programs that directly relate to work safety and safety in general, for example, texting and driving. Mr. Manley shared that we do have safety requirements in our teaching materials on equipment. It was also suggested that teachers look for ways to bring in speakers or industry workers into the classroom to discuss safety and promote a culture of safety in our schools.

Mr. Miksch discussed the possibility of adding an electrical trade course at the high school. He also discussed House Bill 5 and the improvements the state has made to help our students graduate and encourage CTE.

Mr. Kemmerling thanked everyone for his or her contribution to the forum.

## Adjournment

Ms. Beth Cassidy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Earl Mathis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Windy Byrd