



PTECH Advisory Meeting: February , 2019

I. Introduction:

Call to order and attendees introduced themselves (sign in sheet attached). Greg Farmer from Sharp was not able to attend as he was delayed at the office. Ms. Minyard from Richland College was also not able to attend due to an illness in the family.

PTECH Pathways were reviewed for all three campuses.

Mesquite/Fate: Software Development, Network Administration and Pre Med/Pre Dental (Science).

Greenville: Software Development, Engineering and Pre Med/Pre Dental (Science).

II. Discussion Items:

PTECH Video was shown. This will be on Social Media and will be the push out to Stakeholders and other Industry Contacts. Mr. Parrot has a very long list of Industry Professionals that he will be contacting and will share the video with in hopes to generate more partnerships for PTAA.

PTECH Field Trips:

All three campuses will be scheduled to attend a 4 hour workshop at the Microsoft Store in Northpark. The workshop is on Microsoft Office and will include instruction on use of Word, Powerpoint, Excel, Outlook and touch on beginning resumes, linkedin and career networking.

College Course Update:

Ms. Minyard from Richland College was not able to attend, but Mrs. Connie Jones gave us an update on college courses. Students that withdrew from the first college course during 1st semester are retaking the course during spring semester. We have several students that have moved and withdrawn from school. One 10th grade student will be taking 2 college courses spring semester.

TEALS Program update and Plans for Expansion next year:

Shannon Houston and Zach Kendall (Microsoft) discussed how this year's pilot course with Microsoft TEALS is going. Students are connected with the 4 Professional Software Development Volunteer Teachers. We have started working with Python Language on Replit. We will be adding a second course (CS II) next school year at the Mesquite Campus and we will have the Intro to CS at Rockwall and Greenville Campuses.

SHARP (Industry Partnership)

We are working completing the Certification Pathway with Sharp Industries. We are planning a Jobsite visit for some of the Mesquite students (Sharp).

Action Items:

1. We discussed Career Day. We have decided to hold Career Days on the last week of school (May 20-23rd). Microsoft Teachers will be reaching out to other professionals they work with and will find a panel of speakers to attend. Amy Williams said she will help with her contacts through TSA. Connie and Liz Jones have a relative that is in Software Development and would like to volunteer.
2. All in attendance were encouraged to reach out to their sphere of influence and network for expanding our current Industry Leadership Network.
3. We discussed the need to build up/strengthen our Grassroot Operations at all 3 campuses. This includes: educating all stakeholders for Buy-In – Teachers, Staff, Students, Parents and Community.