

Meeting Agenda

May 26, 2015

6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Attendees:

Kim Weaver – Compass Programs

Dr. Sherry Abernathy – NC A&T

Michael Rutland – Teradata

Colette Williams – CTE Coordinator Central
Office, LC Liaison

Dr. Eddy Malave, Lead Engineer

Walter Hall, Academic Facilitator

Kamar Galloway – Google (video conference)

Paula Brown, Academy Coordinator

The meeting was held in Room 107 at Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology. The meeting started at approximately 6:05 p.m. Ms. Brown welcomed the attendees and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

An update on the Career Readiness Training (Careerology – 23/24 & 27/28 April) was given. Approximately 30 students participated in the Mock Interviews on Monday, April 27th and Tuesday, April 28th from 1:00 p.m. until 2:10 p.m. in Room 103. Students involved with the mock interviews received training on the 23rd & the 24th of April. The feedback from the students and company representatives indicated that the training helped the students become more aware of what was needed when they applied for future employment. Business representatives from Teradata, UPS, 2XSalt, CharlotteWorks, The Ritz Carlton, The Hilton, Caracon, and Compass Programs participated in the training.

Dr. Malave delivered information regarding Military ROTC opportunities that are available for Phillip O. Berry students at UNCC. This opportunity will be looked into during the 2015-2016 school year.

STEMvision occurred the week of May 18th – 21st. During that week students were involved in several activities, such as Lunch & Learn (Ingersoll-Rand) and STEM related demonstrations within the classrooms. STEMvision was possible because of a grant written by Ms. Stubbs, Mr. Hall, Ms. Ullah & Dr. Jones. Rising 8th graders were invited for presentations and tours on Friday, May 29th.

Several summer programs are offered at Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology in June & July: Drive Program (JavaScript & HTML & CSS), Above & Beyond Students (Middle & High School Students), GidgetGirls 2015 Camp (Middle School Girls) & College Prep Summer Academy (Junior Students). The dates and hours are posted on the school website. The camp information was shared with every middle school in CMS that has a rising freshman attending POB during the 2015-2016 school year.

Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology has established a partnership with the Courtyard Marriott in Ballantyne for the 2015-2016 school year through an association with NAF. Several students have received internships with MYEP which start in June and six students were accepted as Discovery Place Academy Fellows for the upcoming school year. There are several placement opportunities available and they are posted on the school website at the Career Center link. CMS is offering externships opportunities for instructors with companies such as Duke Energy & Siemens over the summer break.

Several CTE labs will receive technology and furniture updates in June. The setup in the classrooms will be similar to the Charlotte Early Engineering College (CEEC) campus at UNC Charlotte.

Ms. Collette Williams discussed planning for next year and strengthening the Advisory Board. Advisory board objectives and requirements were discussed. Dr. Abernathy mentioned looking at the standards and members receiving written copies.

Mr. Rutland mentioned that US News & World Report was not accurately reporting school information about Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology. There is a lot of good information from POB and we were not sure how US News & World Report researched their information in order to get school rankings. It was highlighted that the Lenovo Scholars from POB were one of ten schools in the United States to receive recognition. Of the five student groups selected to present their apps at the National Academy Foundation meeting in July, two were from Phillip O. Berry.

KaMar Galloway (Google fellow) and Khalia Braswell (Apple intern) alums of Berry Academy and NC State are establishing a scholarship trust fund for two POB-AOIT seniors graduating in 2016 and beyond. They are seeking financial sponsors to help support the scholarship. Kamar was on the video conference during the meeting, but the video connection was lost.

The board discussed not meeting in June, but meeting prior to the school year starting in early August. This would allow school members to attend the National Academy Foundation meeting in late July and share the information at the August meeting.