

PHILLIP O. BERRY ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD Notes

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Attendees:

Elizabeth Austin, CIO, SIM  
Khalia Braswell – Alumni  
Sharon Greene – Parent, Bank of America  
Donald Hall – Co Chair, Parent - IBM  
Anna London – Co Chair, Charlotte Works

Robert Mahoney – Treasurer, City of Charlotte  
Ace Tanner – Bank of America  
Ashlee Campbell – Assistant Principal  
Paula Brown – Academy Coordinator

The meeting started at 6:00 p.m. in Room 112. Ms. Brown welcomed all the attendees and thanked them for coming. All the attendees introduced themselves and their affiliated companies. Ms. Brown discussed the previous meeting notes from December 14<sup>th</sup>. The first meeting focused on members getting to know each other, Advisory Board responsibilities, Advisory Board Bylaws and naming someone to fill each of the three positions, Advisory Board Chairperson (Chair or Co-Chair), Advisory Board Secretary and Advisory Board Treasurer. Two of the positions were filled (Co-Chair) Donald Hall & Anna London, (Treasurer) Robert Mahoney & Kim Weaver. Ms. Brown will serve as the secretary, since no one has volunteered for the position. Ms. Shorty chairs the committee to provide Work Based Learning Opportunities. Ms. Brown explained that one goal of the board was to provide work based learning opportunities to the students. There are hundreds of graduates but only a few students receive internships. The school provides many field trips and speakers for the students. They need help in providing internships. As a NAF (National Academy Foundation) school all graduates should receive an internship by the spring of their senior year. The Mayor's Youth Employment Program (MYEP) is the largest provider of internships at the school. NAF students that work 130 hours and earn at least \$510 have an opportunity to earn NAFTrak Certification. These hours can be divided into two years. Ms. London explained how the MYEP program worked.

Mr. Tanner asked what type of background the students had. Ms. Brown said that the Information Technology (IT) students take programming, ecommerce and SAS courses. SAS is the highest level course and Mr. Clemons taught that particular course. Mr. Mahoney and Ms. London indicated they would take two interns for the summer. Mr. Hall said they may have some possible opportunities. Ms. Brown stated that she was not sure that was how the MYEP students were placed. Ms. London said she would speak to Ms. Sophia Davis regarding placement.

Ms. London stated that she was working with Debra Dunn, Keisha Craven-Howell and Jimmy Chancey. There are a lot of things happening at Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology during February. They are listed below:

Career & Technical Education Month	February
FBLA Week	February 7-12
Career Fair	– February 9
CPCC Day	- February 12
Freshman Academy Showcase	– February 16
SAS Workshop (Cary, NC)	- March 11
Microsoft Minority Achievement Day	– March 11
Lenovo Showcase	- March 14
SAS Forum (Las Vegas)	- April

Ms. Austin explained her company, Systems Maintenance Services. Ms. Austin discussed a possible field trip to SIM. Ms. Austin and Mr. Hall discussed two companies that refurbish.

Mr. Mahoney asked if the date for the Career Fair could be changed because the Panther parade is 9 February. Ms. Brown indicated no.

Ms. Campbell asked if the members had visited the school to see the students working. It was stated no and members were invited to visit to see the students interacting. Ms. Austin stated that several IT students presented at her forum last year with Dr. Jones.

The members agreed to meet on 23 February 2016.

Ms. Brown asked if there were any closing remarks.

The meeting concluded at 7:05 p.m.