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Career Connect

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Career Connect Pathway Advisories

April 2024

Transportation Distribution and Logistics Meeting Minutes

Welcome

Members Present:

- Patrick Ostlund
- Bob Kuehl
- Tom Hoopes
- Matt Basse
- Bridgette Elston
- Allison Macias
- Angela DeVries
- Ralph Hanson
- Richie Sackett
- Brian Murray
- Cindy Goss
- Jim Benton
- Paige Daniels

Follow-up on Business Case Scenarios

- Thanks for your input during our last meeting.
- We collected some great scenarios, and they will aid our instructors with lesson planning soon.
- Scenarios will ensure KRESA is including 21st century skills in all lessons and activities.

Career Connect Campus Progress and Updates

Less than 500 days until the Career Connect Campus opens in August, 2025.

- Building Overview
 - Transportation, Distribution & Logistics housed on the East side of campus; one of the two story sections of the building.
 - Classroom areas will be on the second floor overlooking lab space.
 - Automotive and Heavy Equipment will share large lab space.
 - Input: Matt Basse points out classroom areas, space dedicated to diesel coursework, staircase leading from 2nd floor classroom to lab.
 - Occupancy is expected a few months before August opening.
- Pathway Brochures
 - Living, breathing documents- brochures will be updated as modifications are made to program.
 - Serve as a reference to share all the ideas that have been compiled by advisory groups and how they will be used to serve learners.
 - Input- Modifications need to be made to listed certifications in the printed brochures.
 - Edits can be emailed to KRESA staff so corrections are made.
- Staffing Updates + Hiring Plan



- Some Pathway Leads have already been hired, including construction trades and supply chain, with more being hired in May, 2024.
- Not all pathways will have more than one instructor, but automotive will be one of the few with two instructors.
- During the 2024-25 school year, Career Connect Campus instructors will remain in their district building but will be employed by KRESA. This will ensure smooth transition to Career Connect Campus and program continuity.
- Question: Will we be hiring more counselors? Answer: Yes, an additional school counselor will be added to the counselor already hired.
- Question: Will local districts still run programs if there is a center-based program in place? Answer: Mostly no, but there are ongoing conversations about when that option could make sense.
- Career Connect Campus Support
 - Varying levels of Career Connect sponsorships are available.
 - Option currently available of being a Founding Investor: Those that contribute at Catalyst Level or above before January 1, 2025 receive 2 years of recognition before being asked to consider a renewal.

Career & Technical Education Program Updates and Highlights

- **Instructor:** Richie Sackett
 - **Program Updates:**

Field Trips:
 - Detroit AutoRama - March 1, 2024
 - Ferris State University - April 16, 2024
 - **Facilities and Equipment:** Donated Alignment Equipment from Harold Zeigler Auto Group (installed and ready to use)
 - **Curriculum:** Added suspension, allowing learners to make new adjustments on their own.
 - **Recruiting:** It has been notable how many employers have visited district facility to recruit students that will soon be seeking employment.
- **Instructor:** Matt Basse
 - **Programs Updates:** Students have taken the ASE student exam, many have passed test and some are now Master ASE student certified. We attended the Autorama in Detroit in March and had an excellent time learning about the hot-rodding industry. Have a trip planned to Ferris State University for the Automotive Service open house in April.
 - **Curriculum:** Completed the ASE Brakes unit and have started to work on Engine performance. Students are in the middle of an Engine Overhaul Unit which is a very fun one for us as they take an engine apart and learn operational theory, diagnostics and unit repair techniques.
 - **Facilities and Equipment:** We purchased a new welder to replace the old one which quit working. Most of the budget was spent on brake supplies, a few small tools, and batteries for the shop vehicles.
 - **CTSO/Leadership Development:** Have had several guest speakers this year. Also have had a career specialist help us with resumes, interview skills and general employment skills.



- Question: What are the pass/fail requirements for KRESA Automotive students? Answer: ASE has developed student certifications that only include half the questions, but those student questions are actual items on true ASE certification tests.

KVCC Updates: Brian Murray

- Recent purchases for programs include new engine stands
- Students are using the stands to repair GM5.3 engines
- State certifications: 22 different state certifications recently passed this spring. Some students earned more than one certification

Aviation Instructor: Bridgette Elston

- 1st year students: working hard on flight planning, in hopes of being able to independently create complete flight plans.
- One student preparing for FFA Certification Part 107, certification to fly large drones.

Supply Chain: Allison Macias

- Connecting with teachers outside of state to begin curriculum planning for the first program located in the state of Michigan.
- Working on appropriate instructor credentialing.

Update: Heavy Equipment from Ralph Hanson

- Currently in talks to finalize contracts between AIS and KRESA to develop heavy equipment program.
- AIS has other educational program at other facilities around the region.
- Hosted Skills USA Competition at their facilities, which took place in April, 2024.

Engagement Opportunities

- Reviewed the various opportunities to help students Explore, Engage, and Experience career options.
- Discussed opportunity to assist on the Discovery Lab, provide industry tours
- Reviewed longer volunteer opportunities with a classroom
- Hosting students in internships or even apprenticeships
- Encouraged partners to share opportunities with their personal and professional networks

Save the Date! End of Year Celebration

- May 22, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at The Desenberg

KVCC Auto**KVCC Budget update:**

About \$18,000 to spend by July 1. Will be spent on the open house, state testing, and NAPA orders.



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Open House didn't have the turnout they hoped for. Weather wasn't good and people didn't want to bring their cars out in the rain

Next open house: April 25, 2025 Friday; would like to have Auto class field trip out to visit

Ralph (AIS) would like to run post-secondary classes at the CTE center.