CACTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2016
9:30AM – 12 NOON
Pickens Technical College – Room A119
500 N Airport Blvd, Aurora, CO 80011

Attendance:
Mimi Leonard-LPS, Janet Renden-Bollman Tech/District 12, Sarah Heath-CCCS, Teina McConnell-Pickens, Darrell Green-CACTE Executive Director, Eric Ward-Pickens, Kristin Pegg-Englewood; Valerie Dodrill-Killen-APS; Judy Morr-DPS;

Call to Order
Mimi Leonard called meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Approval of Agenda/additions
Valerie moved to approve; Judy seconded

Approval of Minutes
Judi moved to approve; Darrell seconded

Report of the Secretary
Kristin Pegg reported that several minor changes were made to the minutes after the last meeting and those changes are reflected in the approved minutes. The minutes were shared with the Board and can be shared with Judy to post on the website.

Report of the Treasurer
Ed Rice was not present. Kristin Pegg reported the following balances: As of January 8
Savings balance: $33831.05  Checking balance: $3961.49

Report of Standing Committees
Audit/Budget – Ed Rice was not present
Awards/Archives – Mimi Leonard
Retirees that will be honored at Mid-Winter Conference--Lorrie Toni and Laurie Urich.
Nominations for Friend to CACTA: CO Workforce Development Council (Emily Lesh and Stephanie Veck). It was suggested. Renee moved to approve the nomination and Valerie seconded. Darrell suggested that we start the ACTE Administrator of the Year process and promote it at CACTA Mid-Winter Conference.

Communications – Janet Renden
The email list is up-to-date and she is not receiving any emails kicked back to her. She has sent out numerous emails regarding the Mid-Winter conference. Judy Morr shared that CACTA Mid-Winter Conference stands at 111 as of today. Janet and Darrell will send out more communication.
Constitution/Bylaws – Rebecca Morlan was not present, however, Rebecca indicated via email that we may want to revisit the bylaws since there are not explicit guidelines around board nominations. This will be discussed at next CACTA Board meeting in February. President Elect position will be mentioned at the Task Force meeting and was sent via email.

Legislative
Mimi shared both state and federal legislative information. Please see this link for https://goo.gl/i6E5cv, the 2015 ACTE Summary of national activities related to CTE.

The state legislative session begins January 13, 2016. Darrell said that CTE is being urged to write K12 initiatives into higher ed CTE instead of inserting CTE into the K12 statute.

CTE Day at the Capitol - February 22

Sarah Heath mentioned that Michael Bennett was a key player in the ESEA reauthorization. Sarah Heath will be presenting on the WIOA impact and changes at Mid-Winter Conference. Workforce Development Center Directors are suppose to be there too. 70% of the funds are now to be used on out-of-school/dropped out youth (ages 16-25) and postsecondary.

Mimi shared information about the House Bill 15-1275 Recommendations. House Bill 15-1275 clarifies that career and technical education course work related to apprenticeship programs and internship programs may be included in concurrent enrollment programs. The recommendations include information on implementing these opportunities utilizing current practices, as well as recommendations for further consideration to expand and enhance these opportunities. A copy of the recommendations can be found at: http://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/1275recs_dec2015. The recommendations have been approved by the state board.

The Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board worked with various stakeholders and vetted a draft with the field to complete the recommendations. Please note that the recommendations are a snapshot in time and will remain a “living document.” We will continue to explore any need for updates, as well as consider ways to align and incorporate additional guidance in other resources. Click Here for Additional Information

The Governor brought strong awareness around Concurrent Enrollment in his State-of-the-State address yesterday. State Legislators are still very supportive of CTE and we can anticipate more involvement.

A new bill was proposed on 1-14-16 called “Align Secondary and Postsecondary CTE Initiatives”. The Legislative Committee strongly opposed it. The concerns were shared with Stacey Lestina, the CACTA Lobbyist.

If anyone is interested in being on the legislative committee, please contact Darrell.

Membership and Nominations
Janet Renden reported 125 CACTA members which shows a decrease from 149 back in July. We usually add members with Conference registration. Janet would like to give up the membership because of her other roles. She feels like it needs more time and attention. Steve Moos was
suggested to be the replacement. Darrell Green reported that CACTE enrollment is 725 currently. He added that Perkins is approved to pay for ACTE memberships. It comes back to divisions marketing to the newer generations.

**Program of Work**
No report at this time.

**Social/Exhibits**
Jr. Achievement, Precision Exams & High Country Technology Consultants have confirmed. Vistar will be attending and will provide the goodie bags for the conference attendees, which they do for the state DECA conference advisors. Sheri also reached out to Lori Plouff, King Soopers, to provide canvas bags as well. Mimi will reach out to Jeff Slupe from CATT who traditionally registers late!
For the Exhibitor Appreciation Gift, I will provide the plaque, which will be made by Douglas County CTE students on new equipment that has been purchased with Perkins funding and is being used as a school based enterprise at Ponderosa High School. Sheri is also working to gather raffle items.
Some additional restaurant contacts have been made for items for the goodie bags, will update Mimi and Janet, as this unfolds.
Sheri appreciates our patience as she is learning the process of CACTA's vendor process.

**Report of Liaisons**

**Hotel Logistics**-Teina McConnell
She is finalizing logistics on our side now including final numbers and AV needs. Janet shared a few more details. Teina will plan for 90 attendees at the Presidents reception, and she is preparing menu now.

**Area Vocational Schools**
It is proposed in state legislation to remove the word “vocational” and make “Area Technical Schools” the official title.

**CCCS**
Due to time constraints, Sarah Heath will share most of her report during the Task Force meeting this afternoon.

**CSU – Dawn Mallette**
Dawn was not present and did not report anything at this time.

**Community College**
Renie DelPonte sent a report regarding different initiatives and it will be shared by Sarah Heath during CACTA Task Force meeting this afternoon.

**Secondary Education**
Valerie Dodrill-Killen reported the following:
CTE topics across the state continue to experience challenges but have also had some notable successes. The passing of HB 15-1275 has opened doors to availability of Concurrent Enrollment (CE) credit(s) for secondary students with participation in related CTE apprenticeship and internship programs. However, establishing internship and apprenticeship opportunities for high school students continues to be frustratingly difficult due to conflicting school schedules, age requirements, safety issues, etc. Regarding CE partnerships with CTE programs, some challenges that continue include:

- Achievement test scores (‘cut off scores’) established by postsecondary institutions that have consistently increased throughout the past 4+ years
- Frequent changes to postsecondary CTE Pathways/course offerings – courses being closed or canceled without prior notification
- Postsecondary certificate/certification programs have been canceled – some have been discontinued after secondary partnerships were established & publicized to parents/students as having the opportunity for college credits and/or certifications

Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSO’s) also continue to be a prevalent challenge at the secondary level. Establishing, implementing, recruiting student participation, and rollout of CTSO’s is time consuming for secondary teachers & funding is a consistent issue in order for students to be able to attend conferences & leadership events. Fundraising opportunities provide limited funding support and some costs can be worked into building-level department budgets, but student fundraising poses a challenge in many communities with high levels of poverty and/or migrant populations. Additionally, rural areas report that fundraising efforts are not allowed during breakfast & lunch periods, making it difficult for students to participate in fundraising efforts during the school day.

Judy Morr commented how some of the CTSO requirements on program approvals are too rigid at times when there is overlap in events.

Inconsistency regarding the Colorado Creative Careers CTSO, including the lack of conference and competitive events for students, presents a challenge for district CTE Directors to get teacher ‘buy-in;’ this often translates to low numbers of student participation. A more structured & nationally recognized CTSO for Arts & Communication Pathways would provide some positive alignment/outcomes, making Creative Careers be viewed as a ‘serious’ CTSO that is supported at the state level as well. CTE teachers who are CTSO club Advisors spend numerous hours working on CTSO’s overall (FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, Creative Careers, DECA, HOSA, TSA, and SkillsUSA) that is not generally well-compensated because of numerous additional required duties compared to other high school clubs (i.e. speech/drama, gaming, multicultural clubs, etc.) that are not CTE-recognized or supported with equal/adjusted compensation that matches the amount of time required of CTSO Advisors.

Another topic at the secondary CTE level that is often mentioned is if there is any guidance around potential changes to the structure & membership required for Advisory Committees as a result of Federal Perkins Reauthorization. Several months ago it was announced that there may be new expectations for Advisory Committees in regards to including local/city representatives as well as Workforce Investment Board members, One-Stop Centers, and other local government leaders, as opposed to long-standing requirements that dictate a minimum of 51% business/industry member participation on Advisory Committees.
Lastly, high school CTE teachers are hard-to-find, hard-to-fill positions. Rural communities are consistently challenged in finding and recruiting high-quality CTE teachers due to CTE Credentialing requirements & little flexibility in credentialing guidelines. Communication re: available CTE teaching opportunities throughout the state & with assistance from CCCS State Program Directors in insuring that word gets out about positions help somewhat, but is still extremely challenging, particularly in career fields related to health science and medicine, engineering and arts & communication pathways.

Sarah Heath added that CCCS is looking at ways to empower school districts to build state articulation agreements in order to be compliant with the program approval. This is because of the qualification barriers with concurrent enrollment. They are looking at best practices around the nation.

CACTA Task Force – Janet Renden
Due to time constraints, Janet will be providing an update during the Task Force meeting in the afternoon. The update will focus mostly on Mid-Winter Conference.

CACTE Board – Darrell Green
Darrell will save updates for the Task Force meeting this afternoon. Motion to approve the $8000 support for Lobbyists. Mimi moved to approve and Judy Morr seconded the motion.

Web Liaison-Judy Morr
Judy is trying to give the website more attention and doesn’t mind reminders. She has given members three places to find CACTA

I. Old Business

II. New Business
Mid-Winter Conference update – Mimi Leonard
- FEBRUARY 9-12, 2016-Antlers
- Registrations
- At-a-Glance
- Raffle items needed
- Retirees
- Board Meeting/Dinner
- other

III. Announcements
FRIDAY MARCH 11 – CCCS – TASKFORCE ONLY
FRIDAY, APRIL 29 – PICKENS TECH (BOARD AND TASKFORCE MEETING)

IV. Adjournment
- Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Moved to adjourn by Judy Morr and Teina McConnell seconded.