Governance Board meeting Minutes

Date/Time November 15, 2022/4:00 PM Lisa Collins, CEO

# In Attendance

Lisa Collins, Kris Towers, Jill Huckeba, Chap Nelson, Jackie Turner, Lori Varnadoe, Eleyce Coleman, Jackie Turner, Cathy Ferguson, Wally Hunter, Haley Watson, Ed Barbee

# Approval of Agenda

Unanimous approval of minute and agenda

# Call to Order

Kris Towers called the meeting to order at 4:02pm

# Items for Information

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* + **GACCAN Meeting:** The Middle Georgia Technical Partners; CGTC and Oconee Fall Line Technical College are hosting the event on December the 2nd. The time will be 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM with lunch provided at the W.S. Hutchings CCA in Macon, Georgia. It is an excellent opportunity to obtain your continuing educational hours needed to serve on the CCA (new members need 7 hours and returning members need 5 hours)
  + **JROTC CHALLENGE COURSE:** The approval by the board for the new JROTC Raiders Challenge Course was announced. It will include eight events which include one obstacle course with 13 events within the course.
  + **Conflict of Interest Statement:** Each board member is asked to sign and date a Conflict of Interest Statement. This is a requirement for each member to do annually.
  + **College/Career Updates:**
* Be Pro Be Proud: On October 25th a skill simulator of high demand careers was brought to JCHS. There were approximately 300 students that participated and were able to go through the simulator. We had nine business partners that participated. The students enjoy talking with the businesses as well as participating in the skills.
* JCFLEX: On November 10th, JCFLEX student entrepreneurs representing our 9 businesses met to learn more about business plans, financials and also had the opportunity to present their ideas/questions and receive feedback. Last year’s winner, Mackenzie Woodard spoke with the entrepreneurs about her experience last year as well as what they can expect during Rounds #2 and #3. At the next meeting on December 8th, the student entrepreneurs will meet with Mr. Castell, VP of Cadence Bank and Ashley Edwards, Insurance Agent with Georgia Farm Bureau to focus on the importance of detailed financials for their businesses.
* Junior Leadership Jones: The 3rd session was held on November 15th and included travel to complete local community service hours. Students divided into two groups and the first group helped to fill orders for Toys for Tots. They “shopped” for families among the presents that have been donated and packed Christmas boxes based on the ages of the children in need. The other group of students went to the Jones County Animal Shelter. They helped to clean out dog and cat kennels and love on the animals. In the afternoon, all students traveled to BASF to tour and enjoy lunch provided by BASF. They were also able to hear testimonies from several employees after their industry and background and education choices that eventually led them to these jobs.
* REACH Scholar: Mrs. Collins shared with the group what the REACH scholarship means to the student and how the process works throughout the student’s time during high school. On December 5th there will be a signing and the scholars will be announced with a special celebration for them and their families. During the first three years the state pays 100% of the scholarship funds. After that the state will donate $2500 per student per year and the school has to fund the other monies. The student can earn up to $10,000 towards a four-year college degree.
* 9th Grade Registration for current 8th grade students: Mrs. Collins explained how the process would change for this coming school year registration. In response to parents asking more about the CTAE programs offered at the high school, it was decided to allow parental tours. The students will take their campus tours on March 14th, 2023. This will be done after the middle schools administer the YouScience snapshot in January 2023. Then the next week; March 21st and March 23rd both middle school parents will be invited to the high school. The parents will start out in the auditorium with a welcome and overview of the high school campus and the courses that are offered. After the welcome, these parents will be allowed to tour the different CTAE labs and ask questions. Mrs. Haley Watson and Mrs. Eleyce Coleman asked about adding in a workforce option for the students and parents to be able to ask questions and glean valuable information from actual community members that work in areas of interest for students. Mr. Wally Hunter also suggested that we add a video production of the presentation and each lab so that a parent can watch “on demand”.

After spring break, the counselors will go to each middle school to meet with each student to select classes. The parents would be allowed to make appointments during that time if they prefer to meet their child at the school and sit down with the counselor for the registration process.

* JROTC Raiders Course: Mr. Kris Towers said that he had spoken with Captain McMillan at a recent Veteran’s Day Program. Captain McMillan was explaining how the Raiders course will have a big impact on our community. We will be able to host state tournaments which will bring participants and spectators into our community, which will boost the local economy. Mayor Ed Barbee mentioned that there may be some tourism funds that could help with the advertising.
  + **ANNOUCEMENTS:** The next meeting will be January 10, 2023 at 4:00 PM

Meeting was adjourned.