

Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

Present: Miguel Valenzuela, Charles Kelly, Ronnie Watson, Lisa Yauck, Elbre “Frosty” Hickerson, Kerry Symons, and Cassi Laxton

There was no old business discussed.

Mrs. Laxton gave an update on the 2021-2022 Academic Year numbers as being in line with pre-Covid numbers. Further updates included continuing education classes held in the past quarter and several community service classes/activities housed on campus in the past months. She noted the Allen Campus was spotlighted at Rotary on June 16th, will be the program at Lion’s Club on July 26th, and the Team will be involved in the Wheatheart of the Nation Celebration on August 20th.

The Allen Campus plans for 2022-2023 Academic Year were outlined in the following areas:

- Allen Campus Goals and strategies to achieve those goals for 2022-2023 academic year were presented to the advisory board. These goals will be presented to the Board of Regents as part of the overall strategic plan for FPC at the July board meeting.
- Mrs. Laxton told the board the Allen Campus plans to start CDL classes in September with a total of 6 students in the first class. She updated the board on program details and current equipment being used for the program. There were several questions regarding grants and equipment that can be added to the program. Mrs. Laxton explained the CDL grants had been submitted in May, but the college would not hear back on the awards until fall.
- There is still high interest in the Cosmetology Program in Perryton. Student numbers and the need for a part-time instructor to help cover dual credit students was outlined as follows:
 - Dual Credit (21-22) finishing up in Fall 2022 as full-time students – 8 students
 - Dual Credit (22-23) – 11 new students
 - Full-time students – 16 students
- An update was given on the progress of the Diesel Mechanics program. Kerry Symons mentioned the possibility of using the efficiency apartments owned by Marcia Cowan as off campus housing for students. He was going to check into that further.
- Perryton HS welding received a summer grant for welding allowing 12 students to get a \$1000 stipend to take part in an internship in welding. The class is currently building the booths for the new welding facility. FPC and PISD split the cost of materials (\$10,000) saving just under \$30,000 in costs for that equipment alone.
- Mrs. Laxton passed out a document to the board detailing the grants applied for in 2022 to help renovate, equip, and provide scholarships for the new workforce facility starting in 22-23. Overall, grant funds applied for reach right over \$1 million dollars. FPC should start hearing of awards on these in August.

Mrs. Laxton told the committee the Allen Campus was due some parking lot repairs that had been budgeted for 21-22 and would take place the week of July 25th.

The new workforce facility was discussed. Currently the Allen Campus Team is completing cleaning and maintenance on the facility (painting, cleaning carpets, cleaning vinyl floors, replacing lightbulbs, moving furniture, etc.). Mrs. Laxton told the committee of unexpected expenses that have totaled right around \$26,000 that will need to be paid for out of the reserve budget. The board agreed these are needed expenditures to use funds on. She went over the expected expenses for the building in 22-23.

The Allen Campus budget for 22-23 was discussed. There are some concerns from the board about having to use reserve funds to cover expenses without a plan to replenish the reserve amounts. Tax evaluation amounts look to be better this year but still not what they have been in the past; therefore, maintenance and operation tax amounts generated are still below expected Allen Campus expenses. Budget variances from 21-22 to 22-23 are mostly due to additional positions needed for the workforce facility and operating costs of the workforce facility.