

**The School District of Lee County**

**Curriculum Advisory Committee**

**March 20, 2017**

**6:00 p.m. – Training Room D**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Mission Statement:**

To advise the School Board by recommending approaches to obtaining improved student achievement for all students through a coherent, rigorous academic course of study that provides the tools necessary to succeed in today's society. Emphasis will be placed on the dynamic development of a K-12 curriculum within a safe environment leading to both career and technical majors, the methods of instruction used to implement it, and the assessments of its effectiveness, together with a complementary professional development program to support it.

**Committee Members Present:** Elizabeth Blundo, Thomas Busatta, Joseph Camputaro, April Ketron, Melissa Knablin-Liebal, Dr. Kelly Lavis, Evelyn Murphy, John Steakley, Dr. Larry Tihen, Stephen Whitener, Judy Wilkerson, Sandra Wright

**Committee Members Absent:** Hilda Lewin (excused), Suzi Simone (excused), Sandra Mercado (unexcused), Patricia Givens (unexcused)

**School Board Liaison Present:** Steven Teuber

**Staff Members Present:** Brandy Macchia and Melissa Robery

**Recording Secretary:** Jamie Fowler

**Presenters:** Chuck Bradley and Rita Davis

**Guest:** Jim Berchtold and Anne Berchtold

**Welcome and Introduction of Members**

The meeting was called to order by Stephen Whitener at 6:00pm welcoming all committee members.

**Review of Mission Statement and Purpose of Committee**

Stephen Whitener reviewed the mission statement and reminded everyone of the purpose of the committee.

**Reading & approval of the March 20, 2017 agenda**

There was a motion to approve the agenda as presented by Elizabeth Blundo, seconded by Dr. Kelly Lavis and all voted to approve.

**Reading and Approval of the February 27, 2017 minutes**

There was a motion to approve the minutes as presented by Dr. Kelly Lavis, seconded by Melissa Knablin-Liebal and all voted to approve.

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**Board Member Report**

A legislative action currently happening is the House Bill 98. This bill will allow anyone in Lee County that pays taxes to be able to have input on curriculum and course content in our District. Mr. Teuber will be going to the second hearing to work with congressmen and Legislators in hopes that it will not take effect.

Information will be sent to the committee members to learn more about this as it develops and moves forward.

**District Exceptional Student Education Programs & Services**

A PowerPoint presentation was presented by Chuck Bradley, Director of the Exceptional Student Education Department.

The ESE department is working on increasing the graduation rates for students with disabilities. Graduation rates are currently at 70%, lying behind general education by about 10%. The goal is to decrease the dropout rates for students with disabilities.

Students with a disability can stay in the school system until they are 22 years old.

All students that graduate receive a standard diploma. Standard curriculum, general education curriculum and access points curriculum are the different pathways to receiving a standard diploma. The FSA (core standard assessment) and the FSAA (alternative assessment) help students to meet the required standards.

As of this year, Data portfolio is being used experimentally in the state of Florida. It is a performance assessment that allows students to demonstrate their knowledge around the assessment.

The idea is to build a continuum of services from separate classrooms and resource approaches for those that can function in a fully inclusive setting to get the students what they need.

The number of Paraprofessionals to a class depends on the setting of the classroom and needs of the student.

Donna DJerf works in the ESE department as a parent liaison for the ESE department. Donna oversees a Parent Advisory Committee that meets monthly throughout the year.

The ESE department is working with HR on a supplement for general education teachers that have ESE certification and for the ESE teachers.

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There is a program for students to participate in job preparation work with vocation rehabilitation. Project Search works with Galisano Hospital. There are about 90 students that have an internship there. 3 of those students that will be graduating this school year have already been offered jobs for next year. The goal is for every student in the internship to have a job in the health care industry.

#### Career & Tech Education

A PowerPoint presentation was presented Rita Davis, Director of the Adult & Career Education Department.

Lee County is a part of a program called Ford NGL (Next Generation Learning). The mission is to increase career academy.

CTE makes learning purposeful and helps students find interest in areas they never even knew they would be interested in.

Fort Myers Technical College and Cape Coral Technical College are part of Lee County Schools. There is a new articulation agreement with these 2 colleges and high school students for students that should be attending before they graduate.

ACE has a partnership with the ESE department for ESE students who are interested to get involved in the program.

Schools have an application process for the programs that they offer. An expansion is being worked on so there are more opportunities for students to participate in the programs they are interested in.

The reason the programs are laid out across the district the way they are is to help draw students to schools they wouldn't initially think about attending, keeping the population between schools evenly. This also helps keep a diversity with students. If there is a program that shows more interest than there is the possibility of having the program available at more locations this decisions is also helped by looking at data.

CTE is currently looking at purchasing a software called Future Plan which was developed by the Pinellas Education Board. It is a 3 hour user friendly assessment that would be completed by 10<sup>th</sup> graders and is done in chunks. The assessment consist of aptitude interests and ties in to Florida jobs. It has been presented to Dr. Adkins and will be moving forward to Lori Brooks who manages school counselors to share with counselors.

CTE has developed community relationships called *CTE out of the classroom*. Getting STEM businesses involved and students in to the work place.

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**Public Comment Guidelines**

A motion to table public comment guidelines to the next meeting was made by Dr. Kelly Lavis, seconded by Elizabeth Blundo and all voted to approve.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Next Meeting Date Topic**

Possible topics for upcoming meeting:

- Dr. Adkins presentation on Vision2020
- Chromebook
- Dual Enrollment

**Good of the Order**

Melissa Robery addressed questions that came up at the February meeting regarding secondary writing. Our curriculum is based on the Florida standards. There are ELA, reading and writing standards that are a part of the Florida standards for social studies and science. These standards can be viewed on the parent portal on the district website. Standards are used to develop the academic plan. The Parent Portal also has resources to the academic plan and links to instructional strategies to help teachers.

<http://www.leeschools.net/parent-portal>

The syllabus that are developed for courses are generally developed with consistent content but the structure is a school based decision. There are standards that must be included within the syllabus that teachers are required to cover in the course content.

Specific writing training has been offered to teachers this year. The training is based around FSA writing and breaking down the writing rubric for the Florida Standards Assessment.

Motion to end the meeting at 7:33pm made by Judy Wilkerson seconded by Dr. Kelly Lavis and all voted to adjourn.



# Exceptional Student Education

LEE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CURRICULUM STEERING COMMITTEE

MARCH 20, 2017



# ESE GOALS



# ESE Department Strategies

- ▶ Relationships
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Customer Service
- ▶ Compliance AND Support
- ▶ Teaching and Learning





# Objectives for 2017-18

## ▶ **Increase Support for Academic Achievement of SWDs**

- ▶ Level support by Coordinators and Learning Specialists
- ▶ Assist with implementation of instructional materials
- ▶ Provide professional development on the implementation of both standard curriculum and ACCESS points (Unique) with SWDs
- ▶ Clarify grade progression/curriculum pathways for SWDs
- ▶ Increase support and improve response time
- ▶ Collaborate with Academic Services and the Graduation Committee to support success of SWDs



# Objectives for 2017-18

## ► **Improve Behavior Support**

- Implement transition programs for Pre-K/K, 5/6, and 8/9
- Implement BCBA and Behavior Technician roles
- Provide professional development for behavior support and classroom management including TEACH, CHAMPS
- Provide more timely technical assistance to classrooms and schools regarding specific behavior needs

# Objectives for 2017-18

## ► **Improve Support for the Inclusion of SWDs:**

- Restore/implement/improve ESE resource, with a focus on secondary schools for 2017-18
- Continue implementing Flexible Scheduling and Collaborative Teaching professional development
- Implement recommendations from the district Inclusion Committee/ BPIE assessment of 2016 and 2017
- Provide professional development for para-professionals and new school leaders in inclusive practices and working with SWDs



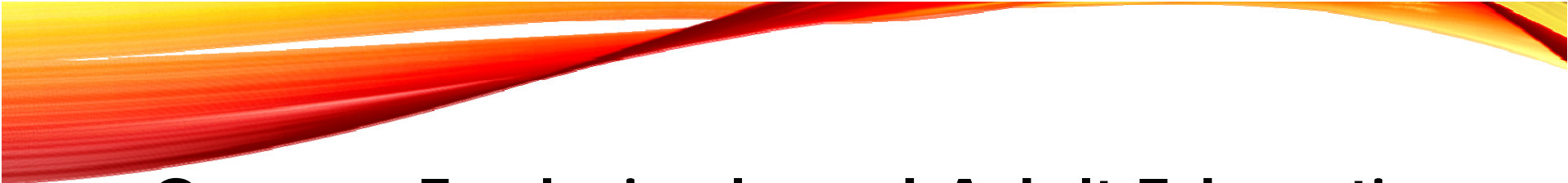
# Objectives for 2017-18

## ▶ **Improve Processes and Consistency of Communication**

- ▶ Clarify existing SDMs and develop district consistency
- ▶ Review and realign SDMs to create a more intuitive and fluid model
- ▶ Improve consistency and efficiency of processes with MTSS, school psychologists, and ESE personnel
- ▶ Restore/increase communication of school leaders and teachers within zones and SDMs to problem solve and share best practices
- ▶ Improve ESE department communication – streamline, and make “user friendly”







# Career, Technical, and Adult Education The School District of Lee County March 20, 2017

## Agenda:

- Welcome & Introductions
- Career & Technical Education (CTE) Defined
- The Look of CTE in Lee
- High School Career Academies for ALL
- CTE: Beyond the Classroom

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## Presenter:

**Rita Davis**, Director  
Adult & Career Education

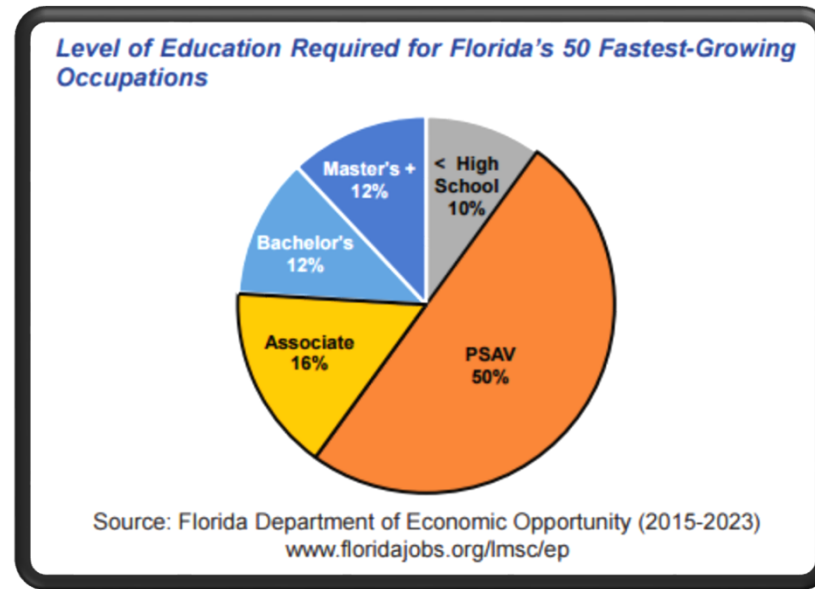




# Career & Technical Education (CTE) Defined

## Why CTE?

- CTE programs prepare students for Florida's occupations.
- Florida's fastest growing occupations have a foundation in CTE.
- 75% of these jobs do not require a four-year college degree.





# Something to Consider

## Career Academies = Higher Graduation Rate

	<i>Enrolled</i> in a Career Academy	<i>Not Enrolled</i> in a Career Academy
National High School Graduation Rate	93%	80%
Lee County's High School Graduation Rate	94%	79%

Source: [https://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/What\\_is\\_CTE/Fact\\_Sheets/CTE\\_Today\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_2016.pdf](https://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/What_is_CTE/Fact_Sheets/CTE_Today_Fact_Sheet_2016.pdf)

- ## Career & Technical Education FOR ALL!
- Lee County's middle and high schools offer a diverse collection of Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs to prepare students for college and career readiness.
- Over 3,600 Industry Certifications were earned by middle and high school students during the 2013-2014 school year.
  - Over 55% of Lee County's high school students are enrolled in at least one Career & Technical Education course.
  - In 2014-2017, middle schools began offering the CTE Internet Business Associate certification to better ensure grade 8 students for high school CTE programs.
  - The Success Academy, a revolutionary alternative school, opened its doors in Fall 2014 and offers industry certification opportunities via a Digital Design program.
  - The Career & Technical Education department partners with The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools to coordinate the STEMwork program as well as the annual STEMatic event. Over 2,000 high school students applied to participate in the 2014-2017 STEMwork program which provides students with opportunities to visit and interact with STEM businesses throughout Southwest Florida.
  - The School District of Lee County is one of over 30 nationwide Ford Next Generation Learning (Ford NGL) Communities.
  - Digital Lee provides an opportunity for students to compete in digital design. Local businesses and community members judge entries and provide sponsorships to sustain the program. During the 2013-2014 school year, all 13 high schools, 3 middle schools, and 2 technical colleges participated in the showcase, representing approximately 300 students.
- ## Career & Technical Education 2016-2017 High School Programs
- Lee County Public Schools  
**Adult & Career Education**
- ACE**
- [www.leeschools.net/ace](http://www.leeschools.net/ace) | 239.939.6310
- ## GET CONNECTED!
- Are you interested in learning more about our CTE programs? We encourage you to contact our CTE department to get connected with our talented students.
- Rita Woff**  
Adult & Career Education Director  
Rita.Woff@leeschools.net  
Twitter: @rta\_woff  
(239) 939-6310
- ## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. SOMETHING FOR YOU!
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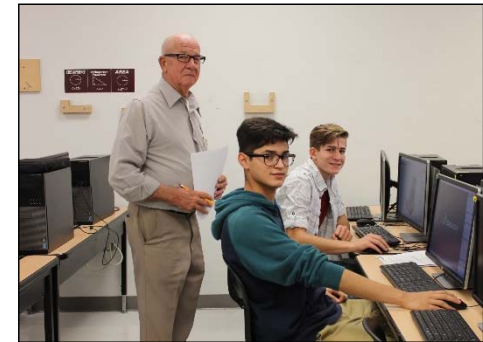


# The Look of CTE in Lee

In the 2015-2016 school year, Lee County students earned **3,720** industry certifications.

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# The Look of CTE in Lee



# Something to Consider

## 1. CTE is Real World Learning

- Strong Work Ethic
- Time-Management
- Communication Skills
- Positive Attitude
- Problem-Solving Skills
- Team Building Skills
- Flexibility
- Continual Learning







# Something to Consider

## Who makes more money?

- A. First-Year Graduates with a Bachelor's Degree from a Florida college or university
- B. First-Year Earnings of graduates from Cape Coral Technical College/Fort Myers Technical College



# High School Career Academies for ALL

## Bonita Springs High School \*NEW\* Career Academies

### **Aerospace Academy**

*Partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University*

### **Academy of Health Professions**

*Certified Nursing Assistant Program*

### **Education Academy**

*Graduates offered contingency contracts with the Lee County School District*

### **Environmental Controls Academy**

*Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, & Heating Technology (HVAC)*

### **Sustainability & Entrepreneurship Academy**

*Agriculture Sustainability using Farm-to-Market Model*

### **Computer Science Academy**

*Project-Based Learning in Computer Programming*

# CTE: Beyond the Classroom

## Digital Lee

- Annual digital design showcase featuring all of our CTE design students
- May 12, 2017 at Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center



## STEMtastic

- Day of Discovery with over 125 exhibits free to the public
- February 11, 2017 at The Harborside Event Center



## STEM@Work

- 325 Students participated in 2016-17
- Students learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) in the workplace.





# SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

## Who makes more money?

A. First-Year Graduates with a Bachelor's Degree from a Florida college or university \$33,716

B. First-Year Earnings of graduates from Cape Coral Technical College/Fort Myers Technical College \$35,524





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