

**VMCCA PTSA
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2017
Media Center
6:30 PM**

Welcome

Dr. Ashlie Thompson

WCPSS and WTCC Presentation

Registration, Internships, and Transitioning to WTCC Patsy DeCecco, Gina Beaudry, and Chrissy Lux
Detail:

Ms Lux spoke about Ready Programming and handed out the attached sheet on Internships. Ms DeCecco spoke about Resgistration for the courses and that Rising Juniors are able to take WTCC courses, but they'll need to talk to Ms. Beaudry to see if they meet the Pre-Requisites. All students will register for their courses through the student's PowerSchool login. Course Enrollment will be 2/27 - 3/10. Ms. Beaudry spoke as the CTE Partnership Liason. Rising Juniors will need to fill our a paper application for WTCC enrollment. They will need to provide their SSN for Wake Tech. For questions on this, contact Ms. Beaudry (her info is also attached). Ms. Beaudry asked that we share with our students one thing we wish we had done differently when we were in High School. Structured Pathways (and the use of building blocks for student success) was discussed.

WTCC Dean Patti Godin was also in attendance.

Bill Brooks, Chair of the Business Partnerships for Vernon Malone was in attendance as well.

PTSA GENERAL MEETING BEGUN- 7:30

Welcome and Call to Order

President Yvonne Bryant expressed thanks to the parents for their continued support. She requested continued involvement.

Approval of Minutes (5 min)

November's Minutes were read by Valerie Kadera, VP

Treasurer's Update (5 min)

Update was read by Valerie Kadera, VP.

Current balance is 1759.44. Current Estimated Expenditures (not including insurance) is 1425.00 Leaving us with a balance of 334.44.

Fundraising Update (5 min)

Update was read by Valerie Kadera, VP

We'll be selling Krispy Kreme coupons for \$8.00. Information to be disseminated shortly. Auto Bell, we're still waiting on the contract to be approved. And we have not yet heard back from Zaxby's.

Celebrations Update (5 min)

Valerie Kadera, VP

We'll be needing Granola Bars and Water Bottles for the ACT camp on 2/18. Signup Genius to be forthcoming.

We will be needing additional celebrations items that will be mentioned at a later date (and are included in the Principal's update)

PTSA School of Excellence Update (5 min)

Update was read by Valerie Kadera, VP

Per Lauren: Now that we're in the 4th quarter, we'll need for parents to go back out and take the survey again to gauge our improvement. Once we have those results, we'll be eligible for review to receive the NCPTSA school of excellence distinction.

Principal's Update (15 min)

Ashlie Thompson

Upcoming Events:

- Prom: We'll be needing Celebrations to coordinate with STCO to help with the prom.
- Senior Awards & Senior Experience: We will need breakfast for senior awards and possible Chaperones (if the picnic idea remains, and they're not able to do Busch Gardens) for the Experience. We have 75 Seniors. Ms. Kingsberry is lead on both.
- Block Party and Senior Awards will be scheduled about a week apart sometime in May. TBD.
- 3rd Quarter Honor Roll: Upon asking for feedback, she decided that they'd like to do something a bit better than they have done. They'd like a breakfast, and to invite the parents and have an actual ceremony.
- Prizes for Hawk Bucks: Needed
- Graduation: We need Pins. (75 Seniors)
- 3/2/17 is Open House for incoming students. Get the PTSA packets ready. We find out 2/16/17 who the students will be.

CTE Internships

at Vernon Malone College & Career Academy



The CTE Internship course is offered to seniors in many of our program areas.* The purpose of the internship course is to provide students with relevant and meaningful work experience in their program area.

*Students in Nurse Aide & Cosmetology gain this experience through their WTCC programs.

CTE Internship Frequently Asked Questions

What is required?

Students must complete **135 hours at their internship site** in addition to completing journal assignments, choice of related projects, and a final presentation. All of these components as well as an employer evaluation make up the internship grade.



Are Internships prearranged?

Students will be surveyed about their location, availability, and transportation and then be asked to submit a resume. The CDCs will assist the student in coordinating the placement, which includes helping to identify a potential opportunity. Students are responsible for going through the interview process. Internships are offered at the employer's discretion.



Are Internships paid?



Internships may be paid or unpaid—and that is at the discretion of the employer. The purpose of the internship is work experience.

We're here to help!

Reach out to a counselor or CDC with your questions!

When does the Internship happen?

Students may choose to complete their internship during the summer before senior year or they will be scheduled during the Fall or Spring semester of their senior year. During the school year, this is usually scheduled as a 4th block class to allow students to get to work earlier in the afternoon.



How can my student prepare?



Students will need to complete a resume for review by the CDCs. Students will be coached on polishing their resume and how to prepare for a job interview. Students and parents are encouraged to work together to be sure students are aware of what to expect in an interview and how to prepare, dress, and respond to questions.

What about transportation?

Students and their families are responsible for getting the student to and from the work site. Families should keep this in mind as their student is registering for an internship course.



Where do students work?

The Career Development Coordinators (CDCs), work with business partners and local business owners to help coordinate internship experiences for students. CDCs try to keep in mind where students live when coordinating placements.



We have a connection for our student's Internship placement, is that ok?

Of course! We encourage parents and students to get involved in making the connection with potential employers and capitalizing on their own personal and business networks. It's all about who you know!



Other things to consider when registering for an Internship...

- ➔ Schedule restrictions can make it difficult to place students.
- ➔ Some employers require students to be 18 and/or have intellectual property restrictions.
- ➔ Costs for things like proper workplace attire (boots, company shirt, etc) may be involved and are the responsibility of the student.



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