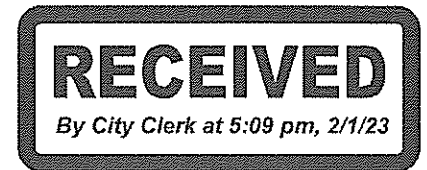


Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 17th, 2023



The Information Technology Program Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

Members Present: Ben Gillespie (Chair), Mike Noftall, Andrew Collins, Nicole Muller, John Dessaro, Vladislav Moshkovskiy, and Mark Mkrtchian.

Members not present: Brian Candido, Nick Bishop, Bruce Bonsall, Bob Burch, Mike Pedro, Josh Pedro, Thanh Vo, John Westcott, Cody Benjamin, Doug Kapinos, Mike Durkee, Phoenix Durkee, Oleksandr Stuzhuk, Thomas Fortini, Joe Zazzaro, Mark Krikunov and Mike Anderson.

Instructors Present: Kevin Grimsley, Scott Lockwood.

Mr. Gillespie called to order the first PAC meeting of 2023 with the first line of business being the review and acceptance of the November 15th, 2022 PAC meeting minutes. Mr. Noftall approved the minutes as written and Mr. Collins seconded.

Mr. Grimsley presented the first item of new business, the annual CTE Program Report, which listed as follows:

Budget: \$10,883

Only two staff members both the VPROG and VISSN divisions.

58: Total enrolled students, 20 Freshmen, 16 Sophomores, 10 Juniors, 12 Seniors with 48% being male and 10% female, 83% Traditional and 17.2% non-traditional. There are also students with accommodations that make up 36.2% of the enrollment.

A list of co-op companies over the past 10 years was provided with Mr. Grimsley noting that they only qualify to be on the list if the students are hired within 4 years of graduating.

For Program Highlights, the CyberPatriot program has been running successfully with three teams total, one of which landed in the top 12% of the gold tier for the US (out of 1100+ teams).

The new frameworks for the VISSN and VPROG divisions are being published in early 2023 by DESE. It is expected that Cybersecurity will become a major component of the new frameworks. There is also a big push for certifications within the programs.

The IT shop continues to be a valuable asset to the Westfield Technology Center for assisting with projects in other shops, as well as school system-wide Chrome-book repair.

expensive component of a computer but without it, proper game development rendering cannot occur. Upgrading equipment to industry standards uses up 80% of the shop's budget.

Mr. Grimsley stated that there are a few Spring field trips being planned with Walley Computer Associates and Westfield Gas + Electric. There may also be a field trip to STCC to look at their technical program offerings, which is a common pathway for IT students, after graduation.

The date for mock interviews will be decided in the March 14th, 2023 meeting coming up.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

March 14, 2023 (Review of VISSN and VPROG Frameworks)

May 16, 2023