

BUSINESS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE ADVISORY MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2019

- Networking / Refreshments in the lobby

- Welcome – Ms Adams welcomed all committee members
Our group moved to Ms Pierce’s classroom

- WBL
 - Employment in Thomas County
 - Ms Miranda introduced Andrea Collins from the Chamber of Commerce
 - Ms Collins spoke about the employment status in Thomasville and Thomas County
 - Fanning Institute (<https://www.fanning.uga.edu/services/youth-leadership-development/>)
 - Discussed the gap between open jobs and high school graduate employment
 - Discussed lack of developed “soft skills” in employee pool
 - The group discussed and offered suggestions on how to address the problem of preparing students for the workplace
 - Ms Collins spoke on the idea of bringing a Youth Leadership Development program (through Fanning) to Thomasville which would select twenty students from all local schools and teach leadership skills over one year

 - The Value of Externships
 - Ms Miranda spoke on the topic and introduced Mr. Quick from Senior Life Insurance
 - Discussion on improving employability skills in the classroom. Ms Paulino asked whether the school system administration is committed to the classroom policies and procedures that teach those skills.
 - Mr. Quick offered examples and suggestions of policies that his organization has put in place such as cell phone policy, dress code, attendance, and employee motivation.
 - Further discussion on developing soft skills

 - Mock Interviews and Job Shadowing

- Technology in the Classroom
 - Ms Pierce gave a presentation on various technologies at use in the classroom
 - Showed Clever page and links to software on it
 - Schoology demo on how teachers and students use the learning management system (LMS)

- Discussed newly acquired software: Adobe suite
 - Discussion on student strengths and weaknesses in terms of types of assignments
- Information Technology
 - Mr Thompson spoke about AP STEM Grant
- Student Presentation
 - Emily Potter, FBLA Vice President, spoke about her experiences at TCCHS as a student. She specifically spoke to the advisory board about FBLA for the 2019-20 school year. She spoke about the success of the past year and about the upcoming conferences and competitions.
- FBLA / School Store
 - Mr. Haskin spoke about FBLA students taking rigorous course work
 - FBLA students have top notch communication skills
 - Young men are taught to be men. Ladies are served first, then the men.
 - Discussed taking FBLA to San Antonio, TX
 - Discussed 2019 National competition awards
 - Discussed upcoming events
 - School store
 - New facility at stadium
 - Students are trusted with up to \$1,000 at the time
- Advisory Input / Q&A
 - none
- Spring meeting date
 - To be determined
- Adjournment
 - Ms Miranda adjourned the meeting at 5:49 PM