

3 Assembly Room, Career Development Center

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5 RGB Members Present: Kevin Goodhue-Chair, Frank Lamb, Jim Boutin and Larry Johnson; CDC
6 Attendees: Robert Montgomery, Interim Supt./Dir. and Bill Swisher, Guidance
7 AgroEcology Advisory Members: Terry Morse and Alan Baker

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9 Recorder: Sandy Redding, CDC Office Manager.

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11 Meeting opened at 3:36 PM.

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13 Bob Montgomery advised the group that there are no big differences from the last meeting: the
14 program still has a pulse, schedules for incoming students just about completed, but we will not
15 know the most accurate results until August. The CDC is looking at the possibility of starting two
16 short blocks in the second semester. The program must stay the same to meet state
17 requirements, so we must work within that curriculum. Is there intent to hire a teacher? To begin
18 the process of scheduling students and working with sending school guidance counselors, there
19 must be a teacher in place. Short blocks would need a part-time teacher, so this person could be
20 an hourly employee or up to a .5 FTE. The previous teacher was hired in this manner with the
21 intent to grow the program.

22 Short blocks for the second semester are easier to fill, especially 3rd block. Plants and Flowers
23 and the Water Curriculum would be the offerings.

24 The group discussed how to get students signed up for these classes. Need to alert guidance
25 counselors that these short blocks may be available; put signs up throughout the school; look at
26 the original signup sheets and see where those students went; check past year enrollment to see
27 if we can pull some of those students back.

28 The CDC needs to find a teacher who would be willing to start at an hourly wage and would be
29 capable of developing the program to a fuller status.

30 Frank Lamb made the motion for the Education Committee to recommend to the full board that
31 the start up of the Ag/Science short block class(es) should begin for the Spring Semester. Jim
32 Boutin seconded the motion. After some discussion as to where the class would be held and to
33 leave that to administration to handle, the motion passed.

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35 Discussion then commenced as to the greenhouse situation. It was noted that no motions are
36 needed as to the approval of setting up a greenhouse or the cost involved as those issues have
37 already been voted on by the full board. Some of the people present were under the assumption
38 that there was money in the culinary grant to cover the purchase of an appropriate size
39 greenhouse and related costs. That may not be the case. However, money is in the budget,
40 approx. \$20,000.

41 The RGB had voted to get this project started. Presentation was made to the MAU Board and no
42 real objections were made. MAU was to sign permit. The process has not been completed at
43 this time. Jim Boutin has agreed to check the situation out with MAU.

44 SVSU is interested in building greenhouses at other schools. It was suggested that we get
45 involved with creating a working program at MAUMS, but that did not fit the needs of all involved.
46 There are specific regs as to how, where and what can be built here on the MAU site, so other
47 plans have been discussed such as using the Vet's Home site/barn. There are many issues
48 involved in that plan as well, especially time concerns. The state would have to be involved in
49 any plan that involved the Vet's Home.

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51 Terry Morse told of his experiences concerning the greenhouse project. He stated that he felt
52 there were no problems at the MAU presentation that he, Kelly McElheny and Br. Barone
53 attended last year. The MAUMS placement was brought up as well as using the "solar research
54 facility" which is attached on the southeast side of MAU. This facility was not much use for our
55 greenhouse needs. We could have put money into developing this structure, but it would remain

2 All forward movement stopped when Dr. Barone left.

3 With a new director coming our way soon, the plan is to get all permits signed and move forward
4 with this project.

5 Larry Johnson gave us a snapshot of what other tech centers are doing concerning "Green
6 Industries." He feels this might be a good time to really look at our present situation and the
7 future of this industry. Are we able to step up and into the coming technologies in this area?
8 Water resources is a very big topic right now. We do have a very good curriculum in place in this
9 area. We may not need greenhouse workers, but there will certainly be a need for proper growing
10 techniques and food production management. There is a great interest in farm to food programs
11 and that is something we might want to be involved in. Attention to curriculum and growth of
12 program need to be examined. Both Bob Montgomery and Terry Morse could be helpful.
13 The actual placement of the class is still a concern. We would like to speed up the process for
14 the use of the second floor room now being used by MAU. We have requested the use of the
15 room especially since with declining enrollment, MAU may need this space. We may be looking
16 at shifting other classes to accommodate the present needs of our programs. Jim Boutin has
17 agreed to look into this area for the CDC board.

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19 Discussion of Perkins grant ensued. This grant is rather small, \$168,000. but takes a great deal
20 of time to complete. Must complete a five year plan and recipient is audited every two years.
21 Grant information shows indicators look good at state level. A lot of the targets in the state grant
22 are federally manipulated.

23 We are planning on an \$8000. Math Enrichment project. Students in the eleventh grade are only
24 in school for six weeks before NECAPS are given. We are a little low in our scores in this area,
25 so a program to hire a P/T math enrichment person would be a good fit for us. We would look for
26 a person on an hourly rate to assist in all our program areas for math enrichment. We hope to try
27 this out for a trial period next year.

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29 Perkins money is used in many ways to support many programs at the CDC. We are capped at
30 the amount listed. Feds may not support this much longer.

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32 Kevin Goodhue thanked all for attending and asked for any other topics of discussion. Hearing
33 none, meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.