

The FACS Advisory Council Meeting was held at Wamego High School, Room 117 on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 7:00pm.

Those in attendance included: Betsy Riblett, Kami Riblett, Kathy Wagoner, Sharon Bairow-Riffey, Susan Symons, Becky Wassom, Mark Stephan, Tammy Biswell and Marsha Brooks.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Biswell. Susan moved that we approve the minutes, Becky seconded the motion and it passed. Betsy Riblett, Advisory Council Chairperson, signed the minutes.

Mrs. Biswell and Mrs. Brooks informed the committee of the **accomplishments of the programs and students.**

1. The Early Childhood Associate Apprenticeship Program involving Wamego High School has been approved and is available to graduates who are completers of the Early Childhood Education Program at Wamego High School. Two graduating students enrolled in the apprenticeship program in the spring of 2008. Mrs. Biswell reported that 3 students are looking for placement/employment with Manhattan Head Start. Susan explained Registered Apprenticeship to the group.
2. The Early Childhood Associate Apprenticeship Program involving Wamego High School CTE Early Childhood Education program was featured in the September/October ECAAP Communicator newsletter.
3. Tammy Biswell, FACS teacher, completed the first year process to becoming a Nationally Board Certified teacher in the Area of Early Adolescence through young Adult, Career and Technical Education. (The national board certification progress is a three year program.) Tammy completed and passed all four portfolio entries of the process. She was short one point in her accumulative score from the combined portfolio and assessment scores to meet the required score of 275 to become national board certified. Tammy has committed to retake one assessment center question this spring to increase her accumulative score to complete the process.
4. The WHS FCCLA Chapter has participated in money making projects this school year. The chapter has created their own product "FCCLA Popcorn" in flavors; cinnamon, caramel, cheese and sweet and salty to sell at sports events. The chapter also continues to hold Parent Night Out events as an additional fund raiser.
5. The following FCCLA chapter members attended the FCCLA National Leadership meeting and STAR event competitions in Orlando, Florida held July 13-17, 2008 Sarah Hazelwood, Nicole Sweet, Amanda Moorman and their sponsor, Tammy Biswell. These students were presented their medals at a recognition session honoring all participants at the Orange County Convention Center on Thursday, July 17.

Sarah Hazelwood, received a Gold medal in the Occupational Illustrated Talk event.

Sarah gave an oral presentation about the 1940's war rations and its impact on Fashion and Design. She used her sewing construction and artistic skills to design and create a two piece suit worn during her presentation to demonstrate ones ability to adapt to change due to the availability of resources in the economy.

Amanda Moorman, received a Silver medal in the Occupational Early Childhood event. Amanda demonstrated her knowledge and skills gained from her enrollment in the occupational Early Childhood Education Program to show case her experiences in the presentation of a portfolio and lesson demonstration.

Nicole Sweet, received a Silver medal in the Occupational Entrepreneurship event. Nicole showcase a plan for a small business using Family and Consumer Sciences skills and sound business practices. Nicole's presentation included a business portfolio, informational display board and speech. Her business, "Sweet Kut's and Salon" was created to serve the needs of cancer patients during and after treatment.

5. The FCCLA chapter at Wamego high School conducted two community service projects for the community this season. Each month FCCLA members provide free child care services to parent organizations with in the community. During the month of November, FCCLA members hosted child care services for the parents of the PTO and Site Council committees. During child care FCCLA members and the children made 55 decorated door hangers for the residents at Valley Vista Nursing Home. The door hangers were then taken to Valley Vista and distributed on December 1st, to the residents and staff work stations in the facility.

The second project conducted by the FCCLA chapter this holiday season was the Children's Christmas gift box project. The FCCLA chapter held a competition between the SIP classes to collect items for the gift boxes as well as decorating them prior to distribution to Wamego's Christmas Bureau. Over 377 items were collected from the project. Items such as hats, mittens, coloring books, books, stuffed animals, toys and tooth brushes were enjoyed by children in the community this Christmas through the Wamego Christmas Bureau.

7. The Culinary Arts Program at North Central Kansas Technical School (Beloit) has developed an articulation agreement for culinary arts students at Wamego High School. We'd like to thank Becky Wassom for orchestrating the articulation agreement.

8. Marsha Brooks and Becky Wassom traveled to Flint Hills Technical School on Oct. to work on an articulation agreement with Cherrie Gibson, Culinary Arts Instructor at Flint Hills. We plan to finish the agreement this spring.

9. The culinary team had two money making projects this fall. They sold Super Nachos at the Sept. 12 varsity football game. The team made over \$500 at this

event. The also made and sold enchiladas to the community, generating a profit over \$700.

10. The WHS Culinary Arts Team received a \$1,000 anonymous donation. The members of the team are very appreciative of the community's support.

The Culinary Arts Team is busy preparing for state competition in February. This year we have one culinary team and one management team. The culinary team's menu is *Indian Bread Topped with Guacamole, Scallops, and Micro-greens; Bison Tenderloin with Garlic and Ginger Sauce; Mashed Sweet Potatoes with Vanilla Bean; Sweet Potato Chips; Garden Green and Wax Beans with an Asian Flair; and a Caramel/Pecan Tart with Chocolate Truffle Sauce.* The culinary team is Molly Delay, Olivia Divish, Alicia Kilian, and Brennon Briggs. Elizabeth Hazelwood is the alternate for the culinary team and is entering the centerpiece contest.

The WHS Management Team consisting of Amanda Scheideman, Abby Huddleston, Mallaurie Serb, and Amelia Fosen will participate in a four-fold competition. They will develop a restaurant concept and prepare a power point presentation, as well as completing a portfolio and display of their concept. They will be given a case study at competition, where they will work as a team to create a plan for the problems encountered in the case study and 10 minutes to present their solutions. Mrs. Brooks informed the committee that the rules for the Management Team competition were not made available until the first part of January.

Mrs. Brooks is proud to announce that John Straub, WHS graduate and JCCC Culinary Arts student has received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Overland Park Convention Center towards his dual degree in Hotel/Lodging and Food Service Management.

Mrs. Brooks will be giving the National ProStart I and II Tests in January for any WHS student who has take Culinary Arts I and/or II. By passing these tests and Documenting 400 work hours, students may receive the National ProStart Completer Scholarship. The National ProStart I and II Tests will be given in January and May.

The following FCCLA members are preparing for FCCLA's District STAR events competitions to be held at Washington County High School on February 4, 2009. Following members participating in competitions are:

Chapter Service Project Display-Nicole Lacey and Daniele Wilson

Focus on Children- Elizabeth Hazelwood, Brooke Powers
Interior Design-Kara Katzenburg
Job Interview-Britt Massingill
National Programs in Action-Brittany Hosflet
Teach and Train-Shay Heersink
Career Investigation-Alyssa Detwiler

The FCCLA chapter will also be hosting a STAR event judging room at the competitions. Chapters are required to provide a judging team along with providing a room consultant and monitors. Thanks to Susan Huddleston and Becky Wassom who will serve as our adult judges for the day.

15. The following FCCLA members are preparing to compete in the upcoming district officer elections and state officer candidate process to be held on February 11, 2009. Those FCCLA members are: Brooke Powers and Brittany Hosfelt. Alyssa Detwiler will also be competing to be on the Peer Education Team. Team members are chosen by a state panel and must provide a portfolio and video.

In the Program Improvement report, Mrs. Brooks reported that students fees had been increased to \$10 for foods classes and \$15 for Culinary classes. The additional money helped in replacing electronic balances that were necessary. New pots and pans and storage containers are also needed. The students ran two restaurants in the fall, bringing in approximately \$600 in revenue with around \$100 profit from each.

Discussion was held on the impact or lack thereof on enrollment with the increased fees. Enrollment is up from last year. There are 320 students (duplicated head count) in the FACS programs. Mr. Stephan indicated that reducing the opportunity for students to serve as Teachers Aides, has helped increase enrollment in classes.

Sharon asked about the possibility of incorporating some basic living skills into some of the classes. She indicated that Extension is seeing an increase in the interest in topics such as knitting.

Mrs Biswell and Mrs Brooks reported on equipment received with Perkins funding. This included an Elmo and child development videos for the Early Childhood program; two HP desk jet printers, Interior Design and Fashion Design CAD's and a digital scale for the Work and Family program; a lap-top computer for Culinary Arts and a digital camcorder and tripod for the Future Educators Academy.

Other needs discussed included a mount for the LCD projector and discussion on whether new cabinetry will be installed. That is not known at this time with budget uncertainty in the district.

Mrs. Biswell reported that Employer surveys were sent out and Kathy Wagoner responded. Kathy indicated that it would be helpful to find a time to meet with the student outside of the business day, so they could get acquainted and learn about expectations before the first day.

Articulation Agreements are in place for the Culinary Arts program through the Passport program, North Central Kansas Technical School and progress is being made with Flint Hills Technical College in Emporia.

The Early Childhood program has Articulation Agreements with Cloud County Community College and Highland Community College.

The Future Educator's Academy has a potential agreement with Baker University if a dual credit policy is created by the school board. An agreement is also being sought with Highland Community. (FYI - approval of the Articulation Agreement was made on 1/29)

Mrs. Biswell and Mrs. Brooks thanked all for attending and the meeting was adjourned.