

## **Biggs Agriculture Advisory Committee**

### **June 2018 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order on June 18th, 2018 by Chairman Jon Scott at 6:32 p.m.

#### **Advisory Members Present:**

Jon Scott-Chairman- Lundberg Family Farms: Water Operations Manger

Tiger Jones- CEO Jones Flying Service/Ag Aviation and farms Walnuts

CTE Teacher: Stephen Boyes- Ag Mechanics & Manufacturing Pathway

CTE Teacher: Tanisha Norvell- Ag Science & Floriculture

Ashleigh Aldridge- Biggs High School Counselor/CTE Coordinator

Doug Kaelin- Biggs Unified School District Superintendent

#### **Advisory Members voted/present via email-doodle go to-meeting:**

Steve Francis- Land Leveling

Joe Garcia- Walnut & Rice Grower

Pam Sheppard- Parent representative and farms Rice & Walnuts

CTE Teacher: Adam Sharrock- Engineering and Technology Pathway

**Guests Present:** none

#### **FFA Update:**

Since our last meeting the Biggs FFA took 24 students to the State FFA Leadership convention. The students had an amazing experience as far as money for your buck it's a great conference. There was a career fair for students to look at Colleges, industry jobs, etc.

In May Biggs hosted Spring Awards Banquet- which had a dessert raffle which fundraised about \$3,000.00 for the Agriculture department. The awarded the previous minutes program Completers in Ag Mechanics & Manufacturing with their graduation cords & certificates. Plus the following awards:

2018 Honorary FFA Member- Josh Sheppard

2018 Star Greenhand- Jack Sheppard

2018 Star Chapter Farmer- Jasmine Crawford

In July the officers and advisors will be heading to Bucks Lake for their annual Chapter Officer Retreat. At this retreat students will learn the responsibilities of their office, the chapter will do activity and goal planning as well as team bonding.

#### **Curriculum Update:**

Committee Recommendation:

Sustainable Agriculture Biology- was presented to the committee last meeting. Tiger Jones made a motion to add Sustainable Agriculture Biology to the Master Schedule for 2018-19 school year. It was seconded and motion passed.

Bring back Floriculture (A-G art) elective for students as well as Animal Science to try build possible an Animal Science Pathway.

Course Request: Mrs. Aldridge reported that all Ag classes are full for next school year 2018-19 even with moving from a six to a seventh period day.

Our goal to get more students Articulated with Butte College this year was challenging with the new CATEMA registration process. However, students that completed the process in the following courses will be receiving articulation grades for Butte College.

Ag Welding

Ag Construction & Fabrication

Animal Science-articulated ready for enrollment next year

Web Design

CAD

Video Production

**Goal for next year:** Get Floriculture Articulated with Butte College & look into possible getting Ag Biology some type of articulation.

#### **Program Completion Standards:**

Although for 2018 the Agriculture department recognized students for being Ag Mechanics or Manufacturing program completers (completing the three course sequence). We are always looking to increase standards and make students more industry prepared for job placement.

**Committee Recommendation:** For a student to be recognized as a Program Completer and receive graduation cord and recognition not only does the students need to complete the course sequence but also needs to do it with some competence and higher standard. So for every class they completed within the pathway they need to do so with a "C" or better to be recognized as a program completer. Committee voted in favor of this change.

**Goal for next year:** look into possible creating industry related certification for Agriculture classes.

**Committee review of Agriculture Incentive Grant Checklist:** Attached is the Agriculture Incentive grant checklist that the committee with the Agriculture Advisors went through and determined if the area was met or not. (See attached)

This year the Biggs Agriculture department is also going to apply for Quality Criteria 12: extra \$7,500.00. In order to receive these funds the Agriculture Department must meet the following areas: Based on 2017-18 school year.

R-2 Data (number of students in program): 143

12A: Leadership & Citizen Development: Number of approved FFA Activities chapter participated in (must be 80%)- 13 activities.

Met: Biggs participated in 23.

12B: Practical Application of Occupational Skills: Number of students who received their State FFA Degree (must be 5% of the R2 number).

Met: Needed 8 students to be at 5% Biggs had 14 students receive their State Degree this year 10%.

12C: Qualified and Professional Activities: Number of teachers who attended a minimum of 5 professional in service activities.

Met: Mrs. Norvell & Mr. Boyes attended at least 5 (see attached In-Service Activities Verification Page)

12D: Community, Business, & Industry Involvement: Must have held three Agriculture Advisory Meetings with attached Minutes.

Met: This year we held three meetings and minutes will be attached to application.

12E: Retention: Number of Students from the 2014 freshmen cohort who completed 3 or 4 years in Agriculture Education courses must be at least 30% of the 2014 cohort.

Met: Biggs Agriculture department had 50% of the 2014 cohort complete 3 if not 4 years in the program.

12F: Graduate Follow Up: Number of Program Completers last year 2017- Biggs had 14 students

Of those 11 students (75%) of them are either employed in Ag, in the military, or continuing their education.

**Committee Recommendation:** It is the recommendation of the committee that the Biggs Agriculture Department apply for Quality Criteria 12 on this year's Agriculture Incentive grant and that the Biggs Agriculture Department meets all areas to apply for funding from the Agriculture Incentive grant.

Other: Mr. Kaelin had mentioned that the County is looking into leasing some farm land and if the students within the Agriculture Department at Biggs would be interested in looking at it as a possible farming rotation for SAE student opportunity or placement site. It is all in the beginning stages of discussion nothing is set in stone yet.

**Committee Recommendation:** Continue discussion about getting the land as a possible learning lab/SAE opportunity or job placement for students within our program. It would be a great Work Based Learning opportunity for students. Mr. Kaelin has the full support of the committee to move forward with this process if it is available.

**Next Meeting Date: Fall Agriculture Advisory Meeting Date was scheduled at our last meeting for September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.