Dr. Nick Hallett – Guest Presenter – Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition - Professional Technical Charter School (see his handout)

CSI and Business and High Schools – the coalition

Many of the ARTEC graduates go on to CSI

Serving seven school districts

Originally funding came from a large (3 million) Albertson grant – and the school was a regular public school

When the original funding evaporated – moved to charter school model

Why charter school?

Funding – more options

Board is committed to the mission of the charter

Flexibility – in terms of partnerships, etc.

Poison pill – part of the charter, the sponsor school district can pull the plug at anytime for any reason

Salaries are similar to public school

Contract with the districts for educational services – teachers stay in the contract with their district – the districts do the payroll – the charter school avoids that task

Important to stay small to be consistent in terms of state allocation

The benefit occurs when enrollment is less than 200 students

Any additional funding goes back into the technical programs

See Idaho legislation 33-5215

Incorporate the general studies curriculum within the PT programs

Charter school board – flexibility in terms of how the members are selected/elected and their constituency (their board – two CSI, three business reps, the rest are school reps)
One of the sponsor public schools acts as the fiscal agent

Stand alone charter schools have no access to levy funds – but, by partnership they can benefit from the levy funds of the public schools

Federal funds are available for start-up charter schools

Property Committee – annexation efforts are moving forward

Marketing Committee – website and handouts are ready and (ktechhigh.org), several speaking engagements have been set, parent-teacher groups are being contacted

Campus Committee – design of facility - now sitting at 50,000 square feet – projected cost 9.5 million (divided among the 3 districts) – architects to present to district boards

Levy Plans – district attorney advises that construction cannot start until all the money is in hand (which would mean July 2012) – levy vote is scheduled for August 24th

Option – someone else builds the facility, and the districts pay the lease

Jack Dawson is writing grants to help with facility equipment

Next Meeting – April 9th