

High School Activity Report

September 23, 2004

1. An ad hoc absenteeism committee has been formed to make recommendations to improve tracking, communication and disciplinary follow through with students with severe absenteeism. This is an issue that the faculty and administration are interested in improving this year. Eleven staff members volunteered to participate on the committee. The first meeting will be on September 17, 2004. Per Board request, I have begun monthly tracking of individuals with absenteeism issues. To date, the report does not indicate problems as attendance has only been tracked for seven school days.
2. Mr. Joe Salorino will travel to Pittsburgh on October 13, 2004 to a Print Technologies Workshop. These workshops for graphics educators are conducted at no charge to the participant. Mr. Salorino will travel via school car.
3. New teachers in Cosmetology, Networking and Child Care have completed the initial ECTS teacher induction program. Ongoing training and one-on-one mentoring will provide additional support throughout the year. Each of the three teachers is doing a great job as they begin the 2004-05 school year. It has been a pleasure to see their hard work and enthusiasm.
4. The ECTS vision calls our staff to educate the Erie County community as to the potential of a technical high school education. We are looking for ways to improve the public perception of our school. One avenue is the manner in which we recruit our students from the sending schools. A meeting is planned for early October where we will discuss our recruiting system and new means that we may employ to work directly with sending district parents to promote our programs.
5. Recent improvements have been made in the Networking Technologies curriculum. The Cisco Academy networking curriculum has been replaced by a broader set of Comp TIA programs including A+, Net+ and INet+. These three curricula feature software based instruction and are currently used with success in several other technical high schools in Pennsylvania. This broader curriculum will better prepare the graduate for employment in the small business environment that dominates our local region. Students will have the opportunity to earn industry recognized certificates in each of the three specific curricular areas.