

ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM

DATE: 8/25/2005

SUBJECT: Staff Development, Suzanne Matthews

INITIATED BY: Natalie Fatica, Coordinator of Human and Quality Resources

DESCRIPTION:

Suzanne Matthews, Commercial Arts Instructor has requested to attend the Print05 Convention and GASC Teacher's Update. The conference is scheduled from September 8th -11th.

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve Suzanne Matthews attendance at the Print05 Conference from September 8th -11th, 2005.

Request to Attend Print05 Convention and GASC Teacher's Update

I am an educational member of the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation. I would like to attend the 2005 Print Convention/ Teacher's Update Conference, on September 9, 10, and 11. (I would be missing school September 9 only, as the other 2 days are over the weekend – although, depending on airtimes/schedule, I may need to take a personal day on the 8th in order to be there for early Friday morning).

This international convention is held every 4 years, in Chicago. It is the largest design/print conference in the world, and displays cutting-edge technology. I attended the 2001 convention, and found it to be extremely beneficial in learning industry information. In addition to the convention itself, GATF arranges all-day classes specifically geared towards design instructors, presenting important guests speakers, like Frank Romano, who founded Rochester Institute of Technology's (RIT) premier graphics masters program, and Adobe Trainer Scott Kelby. I also received many free educational materials and samples – which have been useful in my classroom to show students/set up displays.

As directed by Dr. Jackson, I also submitted a request for this through Mrs. Fatica on April 15, 2005, so that you would have some advance information for budgeting.

Either than requiring a sub for one or two days, I anticipate the cost to be \$300 – to cover the cost of hotel room. I will pay for all meals, the airfare, and any additional classes I would take.

I did apply for a teacher's stipend through GATF. I did not receive it, due to the number of first-time registrants. However, I did receive a free registration to the trade show and will be allowed to attend the teacher's conference for free, but still must let them know in advance.

Please let me know if I can answer any further questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Suzanne Matthews