

Erie County Technical School

Director's Report

July 2009

Priorities 2009-2010. The results of our annual retreat are three priority action plans and the formation of four ad hoc committees. The priority action plans address the following areas: Guidance & Advisement, NOCTI Scores and SchoolDESX Data Controls. Each action plan has co-captains to facilitate the plan. The four ad hoc committees will address 1) a standardized grading system, 2) curriculum scope and sequence, 3) internal communications and 4) recycling. Committee co-chairs and members have yet to be determined. Details for the action plans and committees can be found in the supplemental section of the agenda.

ECTS on Facebook. After repeated inquiries from graduates about an alumni 'connection,' we turned to Facebook.com to serve the desire of graduates to communicate with each other. Rather than investing internal resources into a somewhat complex web service, Facebook seemed like a viable alternative. A hyperlink to Alumni—Erie County Technical School is currently available on our public information web page.

While creating the alumni Facebook page, we decided to also create an ECTS Facebook page. No immediate plans are in place for its use. It will be interesting to see how this page might evolve into a communication and collaboration tool. It too can be accessed from our public information web page.

Welcome. Please extend a hearty welcome to Dr. Michele Campbell, Superintendent of the Fort LeBoeuf School District, as our superintendent of record for 2009-2010. Dr. Campbell has actively participated in our Professional Advisory Council and is often a source of consensus with the superintendents. We look forward to working with her in the coming year.

Director's Travel and Meetings. The director's recent and scheduled meetings include:

- *REthink Erie—Education Committee*, July 9, Gannon University; regional education group working with planning for community college.
- *Pennsylvania School Board Association*, July 11 & 12, Gettysburg; PACTA representative serving on PSBA Board of Directors
- *ECTS Feasibility Study Review*, July 22; with Chris Coughlin, architect, to review current status and plan for conclusion of study
- *Pennsylvania Association of Career & Technical Administrators (PACTA)*, annual summer conference, July 28 to 31, State College