

**Erie County Technical School
Director's Report
January 2011**

Education Workforce Leadership Award—Scott Enterprises

Each year, the Pennsylvania Partners, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Career and Technical Education, recognizes a business that supports workforce development in Pennsylvania. Based on a nomination by the ECTS, Scott Enterprises was selected to receive this year's Education Workforce Leadership Award. They will receive the award at the Pennsylvania Partners 27th Annual Employment, Training and Education Conference held in May at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

Scott Enterprises was chosen for the award because of the extensive collaboration and commitment they make to the technical school's Tourism & Hospitality Management program and other programs on campus. You can read the nomination, as written by Bob Craft and Elaine Shaffer, in the supplemental section of the agenda.

Pennsylvania Partners represents workforce development professional in Pennsylvania's workforce investment areas. The annual conference is one of the largest workforce development conferences in the country.

2011-2012 Budget

The administration is presenting the 2011-2012 Budget for the committee's approval this month. We hope that all committee members and their superintendents have been able to review the document before the JOC meeting. The director is available for budget presentations at the districts if so desired.

Chapter 339 Audit Results

The Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE) has submitted their final report for our Ch. 339 Approved Program Evaluation. The audit report will be discussed during the work session. An ad hoc group of faculty and administrators reviewed the report. The group prepared preliminary responses for the BCTE supplied and required corrective action plan. There are clearly areas we need to improve on, but there are also areas where the group questions the audit process and findings. The ECTS response in the corrective action plan will address deficiencies and question the audit process.

January Faculty In-service

The January 17 faculty in-service was used to review 2011-2012 applications, develop program-based Quarter 3 literacy plans, provide important information and to clean-up lingering curriculum development items. The meeting agenda for the day included the following topics:

- a) Review of walk-through rubric
- b) End-Of-Year Professional Assessment Portfolio review
- c) Act 48 Access
- d) NOCTI Prep Activities
- e) Review of Program Alteration/ Curtailment Guidelines
- f) Ch. 339 Audit Results

Overall, the day was a productive one.

Transition Center Operating Agreement

This month's agenda includes a motion to approve an operating agreement for the Transition Center. The agreement was developed based on the recommendation of this year's Auditor General's audit. Attorney Sennett drafted the agreement that was then reviewed, revised and approved by the superintendents at the January PAC meeting. Once the JOC approves the agreement, it will be distributed to the nine participating districts for their approval.

PDE Survey on Systems Used to Evaluate the Performance of Teachers and Principals

Based on a federal mandate, PDE collected information on the professional assessments of teachers and principals. PDE provided an extensive Excel spreadsheet as the collection document. They also required copies of the assessment instruments for teachers and principals. The director submitted the survey to PDE on January 19.

District Withdrawal from Consortium

The superintendents reviewed a list of possible responses to a withdrawal of Millcreek at the January PAC meeting. A discussion by the superintendents shortened the list to four solutions based on the revenue or cost-savings potential. The subcommittee is meeting again on Friday, January 28 to discuss further the possible solutions.

Director's Travel and Meetings

The director's recent and scheduled meetings include:

- ❖ *NWPA Tech Prep Consortium Meeting*; Meadville; January 8; quarterly meeting of CTCs regarding regional Tech Prep initiative
- ❖ *Workforce Investment Board*; Meadville; January 14; quarterly board meeting
- ❖ *Millcreek Withdrawal Sub-Committee Meeting*; ECTS; January 28; sub-committee of superintendents to discuss withdrawal of Millcreek Township School District
- ❖ *Regional Alternative Education Meeting*; Maplewood High School; February 8; to receive information from PDE on relevant matters