

Erie County Technical School

Superintendent of Record's Report



February, 2013

Professional Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting - Friday, February 1, 2013

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RCI Management

Prior to Christmas, the superintendents had asked Larry Kessler, now at Gannon University, to examine our RCI to see if he would be interested in operating the program for us. Larry indicated that he would not be able to “take on” the RCI at this time, but he shared the results of his analysis of our RCI program. There appears to be the possibility to run the program on our own at a lower cost. The Ad-Hoc committee (Dr. Lansberry, Mrs. Myers, and Dr. Tracy) will pursue some of the suggestions offered in our discussion and meet with one of the RCI, IU employees as well as retired administrators regarding the management of our RCI program.

Budget Proposal for 2013-14

Aldo reviewed the proposed budget for the 2013-14 school year. This budget will be place on the agendas of each of the sending school Districts for their approval.

Student Record Exchange

There was a brief discussion on PDE's SREx which will improve efficiency, cost, and security of the exchanging of student records between Districts, between District and University, and between a District and the ECTS. Several Districts were looking into this system. PDE will have a webinar on February 28th regarding this program.

Admissions Process and Enrollment review

A discussion was held on the admission process, quotas, and filling of seats under the new process. This discussion with Aldo gave us a better understanding of how our students were being “plugged” into open slots.

Current enrollment and applications received as of 1/30/2013 for our various programs were examined. In light of the Administration Procedure 126, Construction Trades and Drafting continue to be of concern. The Superintendents felt that program cuts should be looked at by the JOC.

Skills USA District 10 award winners

The list of Students placing at the District competition was presented and discussed. The list was impressive.

The Lobby Guard presentation

Pitney Bowes presented a computerized “lobby guard” that could add another level security. Individuals entering a building would need to swipe their driver’s license and the machine would do a criminal history and Megan’s law check on the individual before issuing a visitor’s pass.

PASA Legislative update

I gave a quick update on legislative issues and efforts by the State’s superintendents. Special Ed. Funding, cyber charter fees and double dipping, along with mandate relief were highlighted.

Adult Diploma Program

The status of this proposed program for Erie County was updated. Several schools have shown an interest. Joan, program supervisor, has been meeting with Erie Together, industries/businesses, and the Foundation. The program may be able to run at no cost to those Districts who wanted to participate. This program, as a reminder, is the program that PDE allows our Districts to convert a GED to a regular diploma after a year of rigorous course work.

