
**Erie County Technical School
Director's Report
January 2013**

"Nothing New, Nothing Different . . . Just Better"

Student Time

Analysis of the home school schedules and transportation times is nearly complete. The director will share preliminary results with the superintendents at the February PAC meeting. Besides the feedback from the superintendents, the director would also like to review the data and ask for feedback from the principals as well.

2013-2014 Budget

JOC members are being asked to approve the budget proposal this month.

Career Plans & Promising Industries

At the request of the Committee, a survey was conducted of all 9th graders that visited the technical school during the home school tours. The survey asked for gender, career path and industry cluster. A secretary has entered all of the data. We had 1,268 student complete the survey. Some students marked more than one industry cluster for a response total of 1,931. The industry clusters with the highest student response are:

Arts, A/V Tech & Communications	13%
Health Science	11%
Human Services	10%

Occupations within the industry clusters were identified. Two analyses were carried out on this basis. The first analysis involved High Priority Occupations in Pennsylvania. The second analysis involved projected job growth in Pennsylvania (2008-2018). Two matrices were created between 'promising industries' and the students' career plans. All of this information will be presented during the January work session.

RCTC

Term III. Registration closed the week of January 11. We received 160 registrations in 36 classes. There were 23 classes with enough registrations to warrant running the class, resulting in 138 enrolled students. Compared to Term II in 2011, we appear to be down about 30 students. More registrations typically come in during the off-week between sessions and the first week of classes. At the time of this report, tuition totaled \$39,415 and projected revenue over wages totaled \$18,142. Classes will start the week of January 21.

U.S. Probation Office Training. The RCTC will be conducting a training program for up to six parolees of the U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, U.S. Probation Office. The welding training program includes mathematics, blueprint reading, welding training, instructional materials, and tools and supplies. The probation office would like to start the program in early February. The contract totals \$10,950 for training and \$840 for materials and trainee personal safety equipment.

Corporate Training—Industrial Sales and Manufacturing. RCTC has submitted a training proposal to Industrial Sales and Manufacturing to conduct blueprint training. ISM has plans to train approximate 100 employees.

Other Activities this Month

Other items the director has been working on in January include:

1. Analysis of sending high school schedules
2. Analysis of student interest in career clusters and employment projections
3. Covering some duties over the vacation of the facilities manager

Director's Travel and Meetings

The director's recent and scheduled meetings include:

- ❖ *Corry Area School District*; December 20; to assist with lab safety inspections and preparations for their Approved Programs Evaluation (Ch. 339)
- ❖ *County-level Workforce Development Team*; Erie; January 8; monthly meeting of workforce development agencies from Erie County
- ❖ *Workforce Investment Board*; Erie; January 11; meeting of the Northwest Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board
- ❖ *Corry Area School District*; January 14; to assist with preparations for their Approved Programs Evaluation (Ch. 339)
- ❖ *Erie Together, Team 2*; Erie; January 16; bi-monthly meeting of local agencies focused on connecting education to careers
- ❖ *Erie Regional Education & Training Consortium*; ECTS; January 17; with Natalie Fatica and Penn State Behrend representatives Peg McCarthy and Michelle Hartman; to investigate postsecondary training opportunities for Erie County
- ❖ *Western Region SkillsUSA Competitive Events*; New Castle; January 18; to observe students in skill competitions and to evaluate the single-site approach to hosting the event
- ❖ *State Auditor Exit Interview and Review*; ECTS; January 24; with administrative staff and joint operating committee representatives; to receive preliminary report of Auditor General's office