

Erie County Technical School

Superintendent of Record's Report



May, 2013

Professional Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting - Friday, March 3, 2013

Submitted by Dr. James Jay Tracy

Enrollment Review, Strategic Planning, and Program Addition

Dr. Jackson began the conversation regarding the addition of program(s) at ECTS. High priority occupations and an *Exploring Program Growth* interest survey were reviewed. Superintendents expressed a concern over space for possible programs, as well as an adequate timeline to accomplish the task of adding a program. It was thought that a realistic target date for a new program would be Fall, 2014 for the application procedure to begin and September, 2015 for implementation.

Career Alternative Education Program

After reviewing the responses to the bids, the superintendents would concur with the recommendation to accept the Sarah Reed bid. It was noted that the Director and Business Manager's hard work on this RFP has produced a cost savings to our districts, since Sarah Reed's prices will be lower than the current year.

Erie Together Team 2

Dr. Jackson gave the superintendents information regarding the start of the county wide career interest survey for 8th graders. Aldo's work with these groups to keep our ECTS in the "mix" of the county's career awareness programs is appreciated.

RCI Management

Some final options were reviewed regarding the operation of our RCI program. It was decided by the superintendents that we would stay with the IU for the 2013-0214 school year. We plan on meeting with the new IU Director this summer to discuss some of our concerns (financial) with him. If he is able to "fix" our concerns, we will continue utilizing the IU's service. If our concerns cannot be addressed, it gives us the school year to put a new management system in place.

GED to Diploma Program

This highly successful program will be moving into Erie County. Joan Stitzinger has acquired funding and should be able to put a beginning program in place for Erie County. Corry found funding to operate their own program independently in Corry itself. This program will allow those former students who have passed their GEDs to convert them to high school diplomas after a year of course work. This is the only PDE approved program permitted to do this. Their initial program site in Warren has been highly successful.