

Erie County Technical School

Superintendent of Record's Report



February 7 2014

Professional Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting - Friday, February 7, 2014

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- **Transition Center**

The meeting was held this month at the Transition Center. Students attending the Transition Center put the skills they have been working on into practice and greeted us at the door, pointed us in the correct direction, checked our coats, took our breakfast and drink orders, and served and cleared the tables with great skill. It was quite apparent that the students had been working hard and were very happy to show off what they had learned.

- **ECTS Renovation Financing Discussion**

The potential renovation project at the ECTS was a prime focus of our discussion. There is a consensus among the Superintendent's that the Technical School building does need renovation. It was also agreed that in light of each district's financial position, a large scale, one-time project was not feasible to get approved by all 11 districts at this time.

As a result we are recommending to the JOC that they proceed by identifying the renovation needs, cost them out on a project-by-project basis, prioritize the projects by critical need, cross prioritize by cost-benefit, and establish a long-term financing plan to save and pay for the ECTS projects.

As each district proceeds into the budgeting process for next year they would be recommending that each of the 11 School Board begin setting aside some money each year for future renovations at the Technical School so that when the time comes each district would be better prepared to pay their share.

Recommendation – The Superintendent's are in support of a renovation project at the ECTS and recommend that the JOC proceed by identifying the renovation needs, cost them out on a project-by-project basis, prioritize the projects by critical need, cross

prioritize by cost-benefit, and establish a long-term financing plan to save and pay for the ECTS projects.

- **Career Street**

Dr. Jackson informed us that Jennifer Nygaard Pontzer has been appointed as Executive Director of Career street by proxy vote of the ECTS Foundation and has expressed her willingness to accept the position. Her contract is from February 24, 2014 – June 30, 2016 for a total contract of \$60,000.

Her goal for the next few months is to make as many contacts as possible with area businesses and populate the Career Street website with as many resources for the schools as possible.

A meeting(s) will be held this spring with the district's liaison to Career Street to discuss the districts need, wants, and opportunities.

- **2014-2015 ECTS Budget Proposal**

Dr. Jackson presented the proposed ECTS 2014-2015 budget and approval timeline. Upon JOC approval in February, each district will be asked to approve the budget in March.

Recommendation – Upon review, the Superintendent's are in support of the proposed budget and recommend that the JOC approve the proposed budget in the amount of \$6,061,936.00.

- **Skills USA District Competition and Medalists and December Students of the Month**

Competition results were shared and each Superintendent will follow up to congratulate the participants and winners from their home district.

- **2014-2015 Applications**

Information was shared on the number of applications that have been received to date from each district by requested shop.

ECTS counselors are working with home district counselors to gather any more applications, finalize numbers and approve applications. An update on their progress will continue to be provided over the next several months.

- **Enrollment reports**

Current enrollment reports were provided for the Erie County Tech School, the Transition Center and the Career Alternative Education Center.

- **Next meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on March 7, 2014.