

Erie County Technical School

Superintendent of Record's Report



May 22, 2014

Professional Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting - Friday, May 2, 2014

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Regional Choice Initiative (discussion)

The discussion about which individual or organization would manage the Regional Choice Initiative continued this month. In lieu of the Intermediate Unit, one suggestion was to see if Gannon would manage the scheduling, billing and daily operations, in so much as they offer the majority of the classes. This would most likely make it a 'Gannon-only' program, which was acceptable to the superintendents in attendance

Dr. Linda Fleming from Gannon has been in communication with us to explore the possibility of having Gannon manage our RCI program. After staffing this with her team, she has determined that it would require a "Program Director" to effectively manage the program. This person would work Monday through Thursday from 7:30 - 12:30. She believes that there would be time for the paperwork part of the job to be completed within that schedule.

Dr. Fleming met with professors currently offering classes at the Skill Center in order to fully understand their needs. Using this information, along with understanding all that the IU currently does, she is in the process of creating the job description.

Gannon will be providing us with 2 proposals. One will include Gannon taking on the responsibility for the technology and one that will utilize the ECTS computer lab in the building.

The tiered participation fee was also examined. There are concerns that if the cost for the program moved to a per-participant model, it would be too expensive for some districts. There is also a counter concern that if one or two of the most active districts withdraws from the consortium, the program will not have enough students to warrant the program.

Career Street Update (discussion)

The superintendents confirmed their plan for a Trolley Tour of local companies on the morning of June 16. They were also informed the liaisons would be meeting soon to share the roles and responsibilities for those positions.

Mini-grant applications were passed out for member districts or a partnering business or agency. Grants are available from \$500 - \$3,000. More than one applications per district may be submitted each year but the \$3,000 limit per district may not be exceeded.

Lastly, the superintendents were informed that the *8th Grade Career Readiness Survey* has been launched. We were encouraged to promote the survey with their staff and students.

Application Review

The latest enrolment numbers for 2014-2015 were shared.

Interim Business Manager

The superintendents were informed of the plans to have an Interim Business Manager.

ECTSF Educational Improvement Organization Application

Letters of support were requested from all school districts so that ECTSF can be named as an "Educational Improvement Organization" under the Education Improvement TaXx Credit Program.

Supplemental Information

February Student of the Month
High School Enrollment
CAEP & Transition Center Enrollment
Special Education – Program at a Glance

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be held on June 6, 2014.