

Erie County Technical School

Superintendent of Record's Report



October, 2013

Professional Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting - Friday, October 4, 2013

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- **Career Street**

Superintendents continued to endorse the proposed Career Street project. Counselors attended a meeting at the ECTS recently and were excited to see the potential in the program. They understood that the program will only be successful if the schools utilize it and are looking for ways to encourage and implement the program into the school setting.

Superintendents discussed and supported the ECTS Foundation assuming the fiscal responsibilities for the foundation as at least one of the local foundations does that same thing, acting as a pass through agents for other projects such as this. Dr. Jackson also reminded that PAC committee that the Career Street operating committee was willing to give the ECTS \$12,000 to cover start up costs.

Dr. Jackson also shared with us an email with several questions and the corresponding answers from a JOC member. This information was very informative and appreciated.

- **2014-2015 ECTS Budget Direction**

Dr. Jackson was looking for suggestions and or directions from the local districts as he begins his preparation for the 2014-15 ECTS budget. The local districts were not to that point yet but agreed that we would continue the discussion at a later time.

- **Salary and Benefit Survey**

The salary and benefit survey that was presented to the JOC operating board at the September meeting was shared with the Superintendents. A brief summary of the key negotiating topics to be presented to the union was shared.

- **Adult Diploma Program**

Joan Stitzinger, Director of the Adult Diploma Program, attended the JOC meeting and was very happy to report that the Adult Diploma Program is fully funded for the current school year and the local school districts will not need to make any donation to run the program. A coordinator has been hired, Mary Kay Peters, and she was introduced to the group.

Currently the program is running at the Edinboro University Porrico Center and has 6 Erie County students enrolled. They are continuing their open enrollment and hope to have 25 – 30 students involved in the program in the very near future.

Agreements have yet to be established with three districts, Iroquois, Millcreek, and Wattsburg School Districts but believe that these will be approved soon.

Superintendents expressed their thanks, appreciation and excitement that the program is up and running. They also pledged to continue their support by spreading the word to help with future enrollments.

- **Enrollment reports**

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 November 1st.