

Erie County Technical School

Superintendent of Record's Report



September 25, 2014

Professional Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting - Friday, September 5, 2014

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United Way of Erie County (discussion)

Representatives from United Way of Erie County attended our meeting to discuss two things:

Community Impact Strategy – The United Way of Erie County set a goal for themselves and a challenge to the community of reducing the number of families struggling to meet their basic needs by one-third by 2025. They are working toward this goal by focusing their money, time and attending to connecting families with the building blocks of economic stability – Education, Income, and Health. As a result, all money raised and distributed must be used in one of these three priority areas.

School District Campaigns – The United Way requested an opportunity to hold a campaign in each of the local school districts in support of their programming. Superintendent's provided them with a contact person and possible times to speak with the staff.

Career Street Update (discussion)

A discussion was held on charter school, cyber schools and private school participation in Career Street. There was no question that Career Street is a public website and anyone can access the information on it. However, public schools contribute \$3,000 a piece and we do receive more than that back in field trips transportation, access to Career Cruising and other items.

The general consensus was the charter schools needed to pay the full cost for participation, smaller private schools could potentially be offered a smaller participation cost, and cyber schools were only permitted access to the public side.

ECTS Renovation

The four year project plan was shared and discussed with the Superintendent's. Each school is in a different position financially but all were encouraged to support the ECTS and start budgeting money for future renovations. All present stated that they would prefer budgeting a set amount each year such as the 5 year payment column as opposed to a varying contribution amount each year. The JOC Board is strongly encouraged to look into a bond as a possible way to finance a project to spread the payments out over a longer time and make the individual district contributions easier to support and build into a budget.

Keystone Remediation

The Superintendent's and principals are recommending that Algebra remediation is necessary for many of the students who attend ECTS and encouraged Mr. Jackson to incorporate this back into the budget for the 2015-16 school year.

Educator Effectiveness at ECTS

Dr. Jackson shared with the Superintendents how the ECTS will be utilizing the new teacher effectiveness system to evaluate their teachers as shared with the JOC board last month.

Supplemental Information

2014-15 ECTS Opening Enrollment Report

Transition Center Enrollments

Career Alternative Education Program Enrollments

Tech Fest Announcement

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be held on October 3, 2014.