

Professional Advisory Council Meeting
April 1, 2016
ECTS Board Conference Room

Present:

Northwestern	Fairview	Millcreek
North East	Girard	Union City
Iroquois	General McLane	ECTS
Ft. LeBoeuf	Harbor Creek	

Agenda

- A. ECTS Schedule – Start Times and Length of Day
 - a. Two issues for all districts to consider
 - a. Assure the mandated 990 instructional hours will be met with the deduction of 45 hours from ECTS time
 - b. Is transportation an issue? Refer to proposed times on attached document
- B. Alternative Calendars
 - a. Dr. Myers wanted this on the calendar due to the unpredictability of state budgets
 - a. Recommendation was no alternative calendar
- C. Skill Center Roof
 - a. The last weekend in March was extremely windy and over 50% of the roof at the Skill Center was lost. The roof is approximately 30 years old. The insurance carrier recommends replacing the entire roof. Dr. Jackson is checking into the deductible.
 - b. Also, last weekend a gas line broke at the Skill Center.
- D. Pennsylvania Pathways Innovation Network
 - a. ERMP has a good Strategic Plan and business seems to be depending on them
 - b. It was positive to have the business community represented at the meeting
 - c. Discussion turned to Chapter 339 Plans
 - a. Mr. Scaletta will be sending NTMN group in Crawford County “Edufactor”. This is a multi- layer campaign designed to dispel manufacturing myths and includes virtual field trips and “edgy” manufacturing videos. EdFactor is the parent company and they promote their program through television programming in the west. The cost is \$999.00 per year and includes free training. This program is web-based. Mr. Scaletta will set up a demonstration with the company.
- E. Math Credit at ECTS
 - a. Dr. Jackson is proposing that ECTS offers 1 math credit in their programming. Students would earn 4 Tech credits in grade 10, and 3.5 Tech credits and 0.5 math credits in both their junior and senior years. They are looking at offering Personal Finance and Business Math, but will not proceed with the approval of the superintendents. The curriculum directors will look at specific programming at their next meeting, and the possibility of

utilizing WIN was mentioned. It was noted that districts will need to check how the CTE credits are worded in their respective course handbooks.

F. Other

- a. Need letter supporting the need to continue Career Street, sample letter is attached.
- b. Rural College Resolution
 - i. There is no funding in fiscal code
 - ii. It focuses mostly on adult education
 - iii. They are looking for locations if convenient, i.e. if several adults from one area register for a class would the closest District house the class?
 - iv. The Resolution is only to agree to talking to the rural college people
- c. TB tests
 - a. Mrs. Hess talked to the Department of Health and they told her the volunteer must work at least 10 hours a week to need the test. She is sending via email the written explanation from the Dept. of Health. Harbor Creek grandfathered theirs.
- d. Mr. Murray noted that Bob Green from Eidex is leaving the company.
- e. Tracking Graduates
 - a. Iroquois uses the National Student Data House, which costs \$500 per year, and the District has to provide some identifying student information.
 - b. General McLane has used Life Track since 2010. The cost is approximately \$5 per senior. They are able to get data for students 18 months and 5 years after graduation. Mrs. Miller said that Girard used it for one year and dropped it due to data errors. ECTS uses it and they track students after 1, 3, and 5 years. The district decides what questions to ask (from a pool) and how often graduates should be tracked.
- f. Mrs. Downie stated Northwestern may not be able to participate in RCI next year because they only have one student participating next years.
- g. It will be decided if there will be another PAC meeting later this spring.

Meeting began at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 10:25 a.m.