
**Erie County Technical School
Interim Director's Report
April 2018**

Renovation Project

Greer Hayden, President of HHSDR presented the proposed working agreement to Joe Tarasovitch for the renovation project. The agreement was signed by Mr. Foyle and Mrs. Birchard and returned to HHSDR per their instructions.

Campus Safety

The school conducted a second lockdown drill that was designed to practice for a hallway “drug search or missing student situation”. The staff and the students were informed of the drill to ensure that there would be no panic stricken into the planned drill. The drill provided the practice of the “rhino-ware” door security mechanisms and the Navigate Preparedness System.

School Resource Officer

After the investigation with the PA Department of Education, it has been determined that the first year of the awarded SRO grant will not be able to be utilized, Mr. Tarasovitch will be presenting a plan for the JOC's consideration.

Food Service Department

The alternative food service plan that was started in March has been a relief to the food service cash flow; but the combination of adjusting the “break-times” and a decision to address personnel cost ultimately has not provided a viable solution to become cost effective in the food service area. Terri Birchard, Joe Tarasovitch and the Nutrient Inc. management group has reviewed the finances to present a final decision about the Nutrient Inc. groups' position at the Erie County Technical School if it is decided to terminate the National School Lunch and Breakfast food service program. The group will be exploring options for next year through discussions with the Culinary Arts program and the Nutrient Inc. group.

Policy Review and Approval

Joe Tarasovitch and Natalie Fatica engaged in the first series of policy review of the PSBA policy group. The review and modifications of the section “000- Local Joint Operating Committee Procedures” will be presented for a board discussion and “first reading”. The administration will continue with the plan of policy section review, update, and presentation to the Joint Operating Committee for approval in each of the future JOC Board sessions.

New Student Greetings

The Interim Director and Admissions Coordinator, Lisa Sorensen, continued with visits to the participating high schools to congratulate and welcome our newest class—The Class of

2021. On March 29th, the twosome made stops at Northwestern HS and Girard HS; on April 5th, stops to McDowell Intermediate HS, General McLane HS, and Harbor Creek HS occurred. The 'greeting' includes a brief presentation about attending their new school, an invitation to Dinner with Teacher, a small gift, and a handshake. The greeting concluded with a group photograph that will find its way to our Facebook page.

PDE Labor & Industry Visit

Jerry Oleksiak, the Labor and Industry Secretary of Pennsylvania visited the Erie County Technical School on Tuesday, April 10th. Secretary Oleksiak's visit had several two; one to tote Governor Wolfe's new PAsmart initiative, and two to engage with our students in the lab setting. Joe Tarasovitch toured the building with Mr. Oleksiak, where 15 of the 18 programs were experience. Secretary Oleksiak was very much engaged in the labs that were visited; from hands-on experiences in PMT, CNT, EET to question and answer sessions with students in MTF, HEA and ECE. Mr. Tarasovitch applauds the students and the instructors for being so welcoming and involved with Secretary Oleksiak.

Perkins Grant Mandatory Meeting

Mr. Tarasovitch traveled to Parkway West in Oaksdale, Pennsylvania on Thursday, April 12th to participate in the annual mandatory Perkins Grant meeting. The school's representation at the meeting is mandatory so that ECTS is in compliance with PDE and the expectations with the grants submission.

RCTC

Term IV classes will finish on April 26, 2018. Gross revenue for Term IV is \$48, 711 and the net revenue is \$26,733. PA State inspection, HVAC, and Industrial Electricity courses continue to have the most consistent number of registrations, but this term Welding courses also showed an uptick in the number of registrations. RCTC is now accepting registrations for Term V which will start the week of May7th.

Changes in advertising are being made. Starting in the 18-19 school year, RCTC advertisements will be heard prior to each term on two of Forever Media's top radio stations. Additionally, email reminders are being sent during registration to all RCTC funding providers and companies who turn to RCTC regularly for their training needs.

Specialized training was just completed with Lord Mfg. in Saegertown and RCTC has been approached by two other companies interested in developing training programs.

RCTC will be attending the Times News Career Fair on April 23rd and the CareerLink Career Fair on May 9th, as well as making an Adult Education presentation to approximately 60 Girard High School Seniors during the first week of May.

Director's Meetings—April 2018

The director's recent and scheduled meetings include:

- ❖ *GECAC Summer JAM discussion*; ECTS; April 3; with Ben Wilson-Director at GECAC.
- ❖ *Non-Traditional Student "mentor/shadowing" discussion*; ECTS; April; with Elaine Shaffer.
- ❖ *After School Faculty Meeting*; ECTS; April 5; meeting with faculty to finalize the NOCTI Testing Planning and Preparation and to organize and support the Dinner w/Instructor event.
- ❖ *Bayfront Convention Center group*; Bayfront Convention Center; April 9; meeting to discuss the partnership with the Bayfront Convention Center Authority and the Tour and Hospitality Program; with Elaine Shaffer, Gus Pine-BCC.
- ❖ *Labor & Industry Visit*; ECTS; April 10; meeting with L&I Secretary Oleksiak and tour of programs.
- ❖ *Perkins Grant Mandatory Meeting*; Parkway West CTC; April 12; meeting to address Perkin Grant submission for the 2018-19 school year.
- ❖ *Food Service Meeting*; ECTS; April 16; meeting with Nutrient INC. and Terri Birchard; discuss contracting with Nutrient INC. for the 2018-19 school year.
- ❖ *Erie Regional Manufacturing Partnership*; B&M Association; April 17.
- ❖ *Career Street Product Committee Meeting*; ECTS; April 17; with CS sub-committee; discuss Beta Site costing and personnel options.
- ❖ *Career Pathways Alliance*; ECTS; April 18; meet with Hans Meeder-President NC3T to discuss prior ECTS connection to the Erie County Career Pathway Alliance.
- ❖ *Board President Agenda Review*; H&H Machining; April 20; with Andy Foyle; discuss the JOC Board agenda.
- ❖ *Dinner with Instructor and Joint Operating Committee Meeting*; ECTS; April 26; monthly meeting