

Erie County Technical School

Director's Report August 2021

PAC Meeting

Joe Tarasovitch hosted a Superintendents advisory meeting on Friday, August 6, 2021. The primary topics of discussion centered about the re-opening of the school.

1. The Hybrid A-B Day Schedule – utilize only if the 6' distancing requirement was re-established.
2. ECTS Health and Safety Plan - masking of the students.

In addition to the start-up plans, Joe Tarasovitch presented a change in the new program mindset for the 2022-23 school year.

Rick Emerick and Joe Tarasovitch presented the Building and Renovation update that included the request that each district conduct a vote on the resolution adopted by the JOC in the August 3, 2021, meeting. Mr. Emerick provide the groundwork for the superintendents to consider the use of a percentage of their ESSER III funds for the ECTS building and renovation funds.

Principal Meeting

Joe Tarasovitch conducted the first Erie County Principal meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2021. The meeting goals were to introduce Julie Aiken as the new principal at ECTS and to present the valued information from ECTS to ensure a strong collaboration between the sending schools and ECTS.

Comprehensive Planning Meeting

The Erie County Technical School must complete the Future Readiness Comprehensive Plan Process (FRCPP) during the 2021-22 school year. The administrative team began the initial the process by holding a shareholder's session to review the ECTS guiding principle statements such as the mission statement and vision statements. The review of these guiding principles afforded the stakeholders to express their understanding and acknowledgement for the school's success with implementation and honor of the guiding principles.

The FRCPP process will have several additional stakeholder meetings during the upcoming months so that the plan submission in April of 2022 is a true collaboration of the ECTS community and a plan that is supported for the future of the positive positioning of ECTS.

Erie Gives Day

ECTS participated in the annual Erie Gives Day conducted with the guidance of the Erie Community Foundation on August 10, 2021. Although the day did not find a windfall for donations for the ECTS Foundation, the Foundation did receive \$534.00 from seven donations. Joe Tarasovitch will provide a personal thank you response to the seven donors after the Erie Community Foundation shares the donors' names and addresses.

ECTS Operations

1. ECTS received notice from PDE that our school will be eligible to receive \$562,436 from the third round of ARP-ESSER funds. This is the first time that Career and Technical Centers in Pennsylvania received ESSER funding. This funding has been allocated to help Career and Technical Centers continued safe operations given the challenges of a pandemic.
 - a. Plans for allocating the grant resources are currently being discussed by the ECTS Administration.
 - b. Joe Tarasovitch and Paul Sachar are discussing assigning a percentage to the Building and Renovation cost as was presented to the Sending Schools with support of the HVAC portion of the project.
2. The Administrative team continues to prepare for the PDE Chapter 339 Audit that will be conducted in September of 2021. This Approved Program Evaluation (APE) audit is a part of a normal three-year cycle. The Chapter 339 Audit is a major work effort involving the administration, faculty, and multiple staff. Joe Tarasovitch
3. Joe Tarasovitch and the Administrative Team have identified two areas of focus for the 2021-22 Priority Action Plan.
 - i. A continuation and completion of the Curriculum upgrade that was approved in the 2019-20 school year. This Priority Action Plan provide the ECTS majors with a consistent presentation of the educational documents that support our community - **ECTS entering final year the three-year project.**
 - ii. Approval, development, and adoption of a New Program for the 2022-23 school year.
4. The Erie County Technical School and the Northern Pennsylvania Regional College has entered into a facility usage agreement for the "Fall" of the 2021 school year. Due to the renovation at the Northern Pennsylvania Regional College campus, the Precision Machining lab will not be operation, therefore ECTS will provide the college the use of the ECTS Precision Lab to conduct the fall session lab work.

Student Activity

N/A during the Summer.