

Erie County Technical School

Director's Report October 2021

PAC Meeting

Joe Tarasovitch hosted a Superintendents advisory meeting on Friday, October 1, 2021. The primary topics of discussion were:

1. Building and Renovation Project Celebration and Updates
2. ECTS Enrollment Data; How the “new” Capital Formula would be applied in 2024
3. ECTS Recruitment Proposals
4. Approved Program Evaluation Audit Results
5. Coloring Book Presentation and Delivery Plan

Pre-Construction Conference

The Pre-Construction conference was held on October 6, 2021. Chris Coughlin led the discussion with the construction team. Meeting will be scheduled regularly, the next meeting is on November 3, 2021.

New Program Investigation: Sports Therapy and Exercise Science

With the planning timeline for the Sports Therapy and Exercise Science program, Joe Tarasovitch and Sandy Carr traveled to Butler County Career Center on Friday, October 15th. The visit provided a tour of the 3-year-old program, an investigation of the educational materials and equipment required, and a glimpse at the BCCC's curriculum.

Connecting to the Districts' K-12 Guidance Plans

With a request made from a few elementary guidance counselors to ECTS to consider providing career information to the elementary schools, Mr. Tarasovitch revisited his vision of a coloring book with his leadership team. The leadership team floated the concept of providing a coloring book to the 3rd graders that would support the districts' “career exploration” procedures for the career readiness standards. The ECTS team collaborated on the development of coloring book project, which turned into a 3rd grade activity book. The coloring book will be provided to the consortiums elementary schools every year so that the ECTS programming will be shared starting in the 3rd Grade and to support the career readiness artifacts that the districts are required to implement in the K-12 Guidance Plans.

Coloring Book Delivery

Joe Tarasovitch visited the elementary schools in October to share the coloring book and the ECTS message of the opportunity for a career and technical education. Mr. Tarasovitch and the superintendents delivered the coloring books in a variety of formats; assemblies, individual 3rd grade classroom presentations, and an informal drop-off to the building principals. Travel and Visitation schedule for Joe Tarasovitch:

October 12 – FRV, GIR, NWS; October 13 – IRO, HBK, NEA; October 20 – FLB, UNC, WBG

Approved Program Evaluation

The Erie County Technical School received the Approved Program Evaluation Audit report that provided a re-approval of the school's programming for a five-year period dating to the school year of 2024-25. The report recognized ECTS with 15 "Commendations", but also provide 8 "Corrections" to address. Joe Tarasovitch will provide PDE with the plans to address the 8 Corrections by November 10, 2021. Find the "Approved Program Evaluation" report in the supplemental reports.

Employee of the Month

With the start of Mr. Tarasovitch new assignment as the director, he requested the administrative staff consider nominating employees as candidates for a recognition as an "Employee of the Month". Each administrator had the opportunity to nominate an employee for the recognition.

Joe Tarasovitch is happy and proud to announce the September Employee of the Month; Mrs. Kelly Bennett – Business Office Administrative Assistant.

Clerk of the Work

Chris Coughlin, Joe Tarasovitch, Del VonVolkenburg met with Mr. Rob Estok on October 21st to discuss the possibility of his employment for the Clerk of the Work position for the ECTS building and renovation project. Mr. Estok shared his availability for a short period of time.

ECTS Operations

1. With the completion of the Approved Program Evaluation Audit, the administrative team has now turned its attention to the Future Ready Comprehensive Plan Process and the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment process. Both of these PDE requirements will entail a major work effort involving the administration, faculty, and ECTS stakeholders.
2. Joe Tarasovitch and Jessica Garnica will begin the process of the development of the 2022-23 school budget. Mrs. Garnica will begin the review of the instructional staff's submitted budget request and Mr. Tarasovitch will begin the review of the instructional staff's fall Occupational Advisory Committee minutes to determine additional budgetary request.