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Full Council Meeting
Duncan Center
Dover, Delaware
March 28, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Dr. Richard Bacon, Ronnie Burkle, Mark Freidly, Nelson Freidly, Dr. Henry Harper, Dr. Karen Hutchison, Michael Jahnigen, Sam Lathem, Dr. Joel Littlejohn, Janis Nesterak, Dr. Robert Parsons, Karen Pickard, Dennis Savage, Jim Sturgis, Bob Suppe, Manera Constantine, Ed Wilchinski and Janet Nichols

Guest: Tucker Dempsey, Senior Instructor, Fire Officer Programs, Delaware State Fire School

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Bob Parsons moved to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2017 Council Meeting as presented. Janis Nesterak seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

The Budgetary Expenditure Report as of March 27, 2018 was distributed to the Council. Dr. Bob Parsons moved to accept the report as presented, subject to audit. Dr. Rich Bacon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DACCTE School Monitoring Visits

The staff is in the process of scheduling the spring monitoring visits. The first visit will be to Newark High School on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Dr. Wilchinski, Dr. Littlejohn, DACCTE and Peg Enslin, DOE will attend this visit; Woodbridge High School Tuesday, April 24, 2018, with Dr. Wilchinski, and Bart Gill, DOE; Brandywine High School Wednesday, May 2, 2018, with Dr. Wilchinski, and Peg Enslin, DOE. Dr. Constantine asked if there was a Council Member available to attend the Woodbridge or Brandywine visits and Michael Jahnigen volunteered to attend the Woodbridge visit and Vice-Chairman Bob Suppe volunteered to attend the Brandywine visit. The team will be visiting McKean High School in May, but that date has not been confirmed.

Joint Finance Committee (JFC) Hearing

On February 12, 2018 Dr. Constantine and Chairman Lathem presented DACCTE's Fiscal Year 2019 budget to the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) in Dover. Dr. Wilchinski also attended the hearing. Representative Melanie George-Smith is the JFC Chairman and Senator Harris McDowell is the Co-Chairman.

Dr. Constantine reported to the Council that the hearing went well and that the JFC continues to be very supportive of Career and Technical Education and our Council.

Statewide Career and Technical Education (CTE) Workshop

DACCTE in partnership with the Director and Education Associates for CTE at the Department of Education will hold the semi-annual Career and Technical Education workshop at the Collette Education Resource Center in Dover on Wednesday, April 18. Approximately 65 CTE Teachers, Counselors, Principals, and District Curriculum Supervisors are expected to attend this workshop focusing on CTE issues in Delaware.

Department of Technology (DTI) GAP Survey

In January, all State Agencies and school districts were required to participate in DTI's biannual GAP Survey pertaining to computer and data security. This year's survey was performed by an independent agency, DATAWIZ and consisted of fifty information technology-based questions which were discussed by staff with the representative of DATAWIZ. Once DATAWIZ has analyzed the information received via the surveys, agencies will receive a "Scorecard" to inform them of how they performed.

Federal Perkins Act

Every state must develop a State Plan and is held accountable for the funds received through the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.

On March 09, 2018 Dr. Constantine attended the State Plan Committee Meeting/Public Hearing in Dover. Dr. Dennis Loftus, President of the State Board of Education is also a member of this committee and was the former Superintendent of New Castle County Vo-Tech School District. This year's plan only required minor changes which included removing all references to Tech Prep which was merged under DOE at the end of last fiscal year. A one-year extension has been approved by the State Board of Education and will be submitted to the federal government.

The Omnibus bill passed in Washington, DC which adds \$75 million to the Perkins grant for this year. Law makers are working on the Fiscal Year 2019 federal budget and are requesting that additional funds be made available for education.

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Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSOs)

DACCTE was able to provide support for the Delaware DECA Conference which was held on February 1, 2018. There were over 315 participants including students, teachers, advisors and business leaders.

DACCTE also provided support to the Educators Rising Student Organization to provide a Key Note Speaker for their conference which was held on March 6, 2018.

A fact sheet on the current Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) was distributed to the Council along with a copy of the Delaware Career Compass. Dr. Constantine directed the members to pages 56 & 57 of the Compass which contains descriptions of the eight state approved CTE student organizations. These organizations are an integral component of Career and Technical Education programs and are recognized and supported by the federal government.

Many years ago DACCTE was instrumental in creating a line item in Delaware's Department of Education's budget which supports the CTSO groups. At one time the line item was funded at \$245,000 but has seen budget cuts which have reduced it to its current funding level of \$211,000.

These funds help cover the cost of State Officer training, Leadership development, state and national competitions, awards etc. Because of this funding source, Delaware does not charge student dues to participate in their corresponding student organization. This Council through former DACCTE Chairman Martha Bachman, Executive Director Dr. George McGorman and Representative Thomas Little created the "Little Bill" which ensures any student enrolled in a CTE program is automatically a member of their respective CTSO group. Chairman Lathem requested that the Joint Finance Committee increase funding to these organizations which have grown in number and enrollment.

Skilled Trades Competition – Robert Suppe

Vice Chairman Bob Suppe reported on the Skills USA state-wide welding competition. Mr. Suppe's company, R. C. Fabricators has sponsored this event for over 20 years providing supplies and materials, judges, and awards from participating businesses and more.

Delcastle and Polytech welding program students compete in this all-day event and eight judges review the competitions and choose three winners.

Mr. Suppe, who is a former Delcastle welding student noted that many of the students coop through his company.

ProStart Culinary Competition – Ronnie Burkle

Council Member Ronnie Burkle, Director of Operations at SoDel, which owns eleven restaurants in Delaware judged at the State Pro-Start Culinary Competition in March. Sixteen schools participated in this impressive culinary competition sponsored by the State and National Restaurant Association.

Participants from the industry mentor the students and provide input during the event. Dover High School students won the Restaurant Team competition and Cape Henlopen High School was the winner in the Management Team competition.

In addition to judging this year, Mr. Burkle has served for the past two years as an advisor at Seaford High School in their culinary program.

Dr. Wilchinski commented on the outstanding CTE culinary programs in the high schools.

Dr. Constantine thanked Mr. Suppe and Mr. Burkle for their reports and support of CTE programs. She encouraged the other Council Members to participate in the CTSO events in the future. It's a very rewarding experience.

DACCTE Awards Program

The mailing for the Annual Awards Program was sent at the end of January with nominations due in the Council office by Friday, March 9. Dr. Constantine reported that nominations were received in all three categories. The Selection Committee members Leann Hornung, Chair, Angela Case and Henry Harper will meet on May 1 to select the winners.

Upcoming DACCTE Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, June 6 @ 2:00 p.m. at the Duncan Center in Dover. The regular meeting will be followed immediately by the Awards Ceremony and Reception in the Outlook Room.

Career and Technical Education Articles and Related Materials

The following articles and handouts were highlighted and distributed:

- Article: "Kaine Leads Bipartisan Effort To Raise The Quality of Career and Technical Education, Hosts Career Tech Fair"
- Fact Sheet on "Educating Tomorrow's Workforce Act of 2017"
- Article: "Witnesses Describe How CTE Can Help Close the Skills Gap, Empower Students to Succeed" – ("Dirty Jobs" TV host Mike Rowe testifies on need to reform current Perkins Act)
- Article: "100 Years of Secondary Career Prep Success"
- Governor Carney's Budget Reset Plan for Fiscal Year 2018

PRESENTATION

Dr. Constantine welcomed Mike Fitzgerald, Education Associate at the Department of Education (DOE). Mr. Fitzgerald is also the State Advisor for the Skills USA CTSO. Also joining us at the meeting were CTSO State Officers Jaden Adams, President – Delaware DECA, and Priya Gupta, State Recorder – Technology Student Association, (TSA).

Mr. Fitzgerald gave a brief overview of the eight Career and Technical Student Organizations in the state and explained that these students presenting today are representative of the types of students involved in the CTSO groups.

Each student gave a presentation on the background and current activities of their respective organization and their personal journey to the positions they currently hold. Their presentations were followed with questions and comments from Council Members.

Mr. Fitzgerald thanked the Council Members for their continued support of Career and Technical Education and the CTSOs. Dr. Constantine and Mr. Lathem commended the students and thanked them and their advisor for their informative presentations.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Joel Littlejohn moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 noon. Jim Sturgis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.