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Full Council Meeting
Duncan Center
Dover, Delaware
Wednesday, December 12, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Ronnie Burkle, Mark Freidly, Sandy Gray, Henry Harper, Leann Hornung, Karen Hutchison, Joel Littlejohn, Janis Nesterak, Karen Pickard, Bob Suppe, Frank Vavala, Manera Constantine, Ed Wilchinski and Janet Nichols

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dr. Karen Hutchison moved to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2018 Council Meeting as presented. Dr. Joel Littlejohn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:

The Budgetary Expenditure Report as of December 11, 2018 was distributed to the Council. Dr. Joel Littlejohn moved to accept the report as presented, subject to audit. Janis Nesterak seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

School Monitoring Visits

The Fall school monitoring visits have been completed. Dr. Ed Wilchinski, Council staff leads the team at each visit along with a Council Member and an Education Associate representing the Department of Education, Career and Technical Education (CTE) department. Dr. Wilchinski reported on the first DACCTE school visit (Caesar Rodney High School, October 3) at the October 10, 2018 Council meeting.

Dr. Wilchinski reported to the Council that he felt the remaining school visits went well and asked Council Members Leann Hornung and Ronnie Burkle to report on the visits they attended, which were as follows:

- October 16, 2018 Dr. Wilchinski, Council Member Leann Hornung and Dr. Peg Enslin from the Department of Education (DOE) visited Mt. Pleasant High School. Mrs. Hornung commented on the enthusiasm of the teachers and how immaculate the building was. The programs are receiving sufficient funding with six career pathways currently being offered. There needs to be more integration of the CTE Student Organizations with the programs. The acting principal is supportive of CTE and expressed an interest in working with the teachers and DOE staff to improve the programs at Mt. Pleasant.
- October 23, 2018 Dr. Wilchinski, Council Member Ronnie Burkle and Dr. Lisa Wilson from the Department of Education (DOE) visited Indian River High School. Mr. Burkle reported on this visit and thought it went very well. There are eleven CTE Career Pathways currently being offered and Mr. Burkle would like to see the Culinary Program added. Funding resources seem to be reaching the programs and CTE Student Organizations are available. The District Advisory Committee meets annually, but is available for consultation as needed.
- October 30, 2018 Dr. Wilchinski, Council Member Leann Hornung and Mike Fitzgerald from DOE visited Dickinson High School. Mrs. Hornung attended the visit to Dickinson High School three years ago. She reported that most of the CTE faculty are still teaching and have made improvements. There is a new Principal and he is supportive of CTE. There are four CTE Career Pathways being offered at Dickinson High School. Funding appears to be reaching the programs and CTE Student Organizations are available in all areas.

Dr. Constantine thanked the Council members for their participation and commended Dr. Wilchinski for his leadership role in conducting the monitoring visits. DACCTE will continue the next series of visits in the Spring. Dr. Constantine encouraged Council Members to participate in these engaging visits.

Budget Hearing – FY 2020

Per the discussion and motion at the October 12, 2018 Council Meeting, DACCTE submitted its Fiscal Year 2020 State Budget request on October 15, 2018. Dr. Constantine presented the State budget request at a hearing before the Office of Management and Budget and the Controller General in Dover on November 8th. This year agencies were permitted to submit a 1% budget increase for consideration.

DACCTE's budget request for FY 2020 will be presented by Chairman Lathem and Dr. Constantine at a hearing before the Joint Finance Committee of the General Assembly on January 30, 2019.

Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee (JLOSC) Review

On October 12, 2018 Council staff submitted the response to the sixteen page Joint Legislative Oversight Sunset Committee (JLOSC) questionnaire. Dr. Constantine reported at the October meeting that DACCTE is under review this year by the JLOSC and submission of the questionnaire along with supporting documentation is the first step in the year long process. Public Hearings will be held in February and Council Members are encouraged to attend. Dr. Constantine reported Julie Fedele, JLOSC staff member, who attended the October meeting of DACCTE, has moved to the Controller General's office. New staff will be hired by the JLOSC.

Division I Unit Count Report

The Occupational-Vocational Division I Unit Count Report was distributed to the Council Members for their review. The total unit count, which provides state funding for teachers as of September 30, 2018 has increased by seven units over last year.

Howard High School Rededication

On Saturday, October 13, 2018 Dr. Constantine and Council Member Dr. Henry Harper attended a ceremony for the Rededication of New Castle County Vocational-Technical School District's Howard High School of Technology. The School which was built in 1927 has undergone major renovations. The Rededication was attended by former students, government leaders and the public.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Statewide Workshop

The Fall CTE Workshop was held in conjunction with the Department of Education, Luke Rhine State Director for CTE and the CTE Education Associates on Tuesday, December 4 at the Collette Education Resource Center in Dover. There were approximately 90 individuals pre-registered including teachers, counselors, principals, curriculum supervisors and superintendents. Attendees participated in two different break-out sessions and then a joint session. Copies of the workshop agenda were distributed to the Council Members.

Chairman's Special Committee

The Chairman's Special Committee chaired by Bob Suppe, Vice Chairman recommended the formation of a Communications Committee to monitor DACCTE's website and make suggestions for improvements. Council Members Ronnie Burkle, Judy Diogo, Mark Freidly, Leann Hornung and Joel Littlejohn volunteered to serve with Mr. Suppe. Some recommendations included posting pictures from our CTE school visits and workshops, and profiles of the Council Members. Dr. Constantine encouraged the other members to also visit our website <https://daccte.delaware.gov> and make recommendations.

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) Fall Leadership Conference

The Council has provided sponsorship for the CTSO Fall State Student Leadership Conference which was held on November 29-30 at Delaware Technical and Community College, Terry Campus in Dover. This state conference provides leadership activities and workshops for more than 990 Career and Technical Education students and teachers.

Career and Technical Education Articles

The following relevant CTE articles were briefly discussed and distributed to Council Members.

- o "Middletown High School Students Bake Cookies for Troops Overseas"
- o "Delaware Schools Want Your Help – Here's How To Get Involved"
- o "Survey: US Adults Think Apprenticeships, Not College, Make Them More Employable"

PRESENTATION:

Dr. Constantine welcomed Dr. George Sharpley, Chief, Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information (OOLMI), Delaware Department of Labor and Kristie Manley, Editor and Production Coordinator (OOLMI) to the meeting.

Dr. Sharpley presented the current and projected labor market statistics for the State which cover a ten year period of 2016-2026. Copies of the "*Delaware 2026 Occupation & Industry Projections*" publication, which was published in July, 2018 were distributed to the Council Members. This publication was last published in August, 2016 and covered projections for the 2014-2024 time period. The report projects there will be fewer new jobs than last projected, but there are over 400,000 more job openings. Dr. Sharpley also reported that the unemployment rate is currently lower than it was projected to be.

Copies of the current Delaware Career Compass were also distributed to the Council Members and Mrs. Manley gave an on-line overview of the Compass and accompanying Teachers Guide. Mrs. Manley told Council Members that approximately 32,000 copies of the Compass are distributed to the schools and other organizations. Dr. Sharpley and Mrs. Manley thanked the Council for their continued support of the Delaware Career Compass and Teachers Guide.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Constantine thanked the Council Members for attending today and wished everyone a safe and happy holiday. Janis Nesterak, moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Leann Hornung seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.