



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

SPECIALIZING IN HIRE EDUCATION

TOWER OFFICE PARK
SUITE 201
240 NORTH JAMES STREET
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19804
(302) 995 - 8592
FAX # (302) 995 - 8594

Full Council Meeting
Duncan Center
Dover, Delaware
June 12, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Ronnie Burkle, Mark Freidly, Henry Harper, Leann Hornung, Karen Hutchison, Sam Lathem, Bob Suppe, Frank Vavala, Manera Constantine, Ed Wilchinski and Janet Nichols

STAFF MEMBER RETIREMENT

Chairman Sam Lathem announced that Dr. Wilchinski will be retiring completely from the Council later in June. Mr. Lathem thanked Ed for his many years of service to the Council and wished him well in his retirement. Mr. Lathem read and presented to Dr. Wilchinski a Tribute from the Legislature signed by Senator David McBride, President Pro Tempore.

Dr. Wilchinski began with the Council in 1984 as the Program Director and retired from State Service in June of 2000. He returned in July to work for the Council as a Casual/Seasonal employee.

Dr. Constantine stated that Ed has been involved in vocational education since he was a student and was the National President of DECA while in College. She commended him for his dedicated service to DACCTE and CTE in Delaware over the years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Karen Hutchison moved to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2019 Council Meeting as presented. General Frank Vavala seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

The Budgetary Expenditure Report as of June 11, 2019 was distributed to the Council. Mark Freidly moved to accept the report as presented, subject to audit. Leann Hornung seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Constantine reminded the Council Members that agencies were permitted to request a one percent increase in the Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget. This increase was included

for DACCTE in the Governor's Recommended Budget Bill in the Contracted Services funding line.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DACCTE School Monitoring Visits

The Spring monitoring visits were completed in April and May. Dr. Ed Wilchinski leads the team which includes a Council Member and a representative from the CTE division at the Department of Education.

Dr. Wilchinski reported the visits confirmed that there are dedicated teachers and supportive administrative staff for Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in the schools visited. The teams found that the funding resources are reaching the programs and teachers are satisfied with the money they received. The State is transitioning from Career Pathways to Programs of Study (POS) and some issues have been identified regarding the work-based learning requirements of Programs of Study and some of the fees associated with the certifications that are required.

- April 16: Dr. Wilchinski, Council Member Dr. Henry Harper and Dr. Peg Enslin, Education Associate at the Department of Education (DOE) visited Christiana High School. Dr. Harper reported that teachers are enthusiastic and committed to serving their students including two new teachers in the Health Occupations area. The District is in the process of adding and re-aligning new pathways and courses at their three high schools. CTE programs generated approximately nine Division I Units and there are seven CTE teachers.
- April 30: Dr. Wilchinski, Council Member Dr. Karen Hutchison, and Dr. Lisa Wilson, Education Associate at the Department of Education visited Milford High School. Dr. Hutchison reported there isn't a lot of turnover in teachers in the CTE areas. There are active CTE Advisory Committees and active CTE Student Organizations. They have twelve CTE programs that generated twelve Division I units and there are twelve CTE teachers.
- May 7: Dr. Wilchinski and Council Member Dr. Joel Littlejohn visited A. I. duPont High School. Dr. Littlejohn reported teachers are committed but expressed concerns regarding limited work-based learning opportunities for students. There are eight career pathways that generated approximately seven Division I Units and there are eight CTE teachers.
- May 8: Dr. Wilchinski, Council Member Ronnie Burkle, and Dr. Bart Gill, Education Associate at the Department of Education visited Lake Forest High School. Mr. Burkle reported teachers are very ambitious and have advisory committees that meet twice a year. There are ten career pathways that generated approximately eight Division I units and there are ten CTE teachers.

Spring Career and Technical Education (CTE) Workshop

Dr. Constantine reported that Council in partnership with Luke Rhine, CTE State Director and his staff from the Department of Education (DOE) Career and Technical Education (CTE) area held the annual spring DACCTE/CTE workshop on April 17, 2019. The workshop was held at the Collette Education Resource Center in Dover. Nature, Nurture & Neurons: The Impact of Trauma and Toxic Stress on the Brain was the workshop title and focused on how the impact of trauma and stress takes a toll on young children's ability to learn and how teachers can identify and help these children. There were approximately fifty CTE Teachers, Counselors, Assistant Principals and Principals pre-registered for the meeting.

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) Support

Dr. Constantine informed Council Members that DACCTE was able to provide support for the Skills USA State Conference held earlier this year. Also, Vice Chair Bob Suppe and his company always provide sponsorship for the welding trades competitions for students across the state.

The Council will also help provide support for Family and Consumer Science students to attend the FCCLA National Conference later in June.

Networks School for Employability Skills School Visit

Dr. Constantine and Council Member Mark Freidly visited the Networks School for Employability Skills. They toured the facility and met with the Principal Norma Brister to learn about the school and the programs offered.

The school is part of the Christina School District and offers Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs to students aged 16-21 with disabilities. The program currently has eleven career areas for students in grades 9-12. Programs currently being taught include: Artworks, Copyworks, Etchworks, Fabricworks, Floralworks, Frameworks, Industrialworks, Merchantworks, Teamworks and Tradeworks. The school operates 12 months a year and most of the students attend full-time.

Mr. Freidly told the other Council Members that it was great to see what they're doing and the results they are seeing. Some of the programs offer certification upon completion. Dr. Constantine commended the Principal and staff for their impressive efforts to prepare their students for productive careers.

JLOSC Review of DACCTE

Dr. Constantine updated the Council Members on the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee's (JLOSC) review of DACCTE. She reminded the Members that the initial multi-page questionnaire was submitted in October. A JLOSC staff member attended our October Council meeting, but left the JLOSC office staff to take another position in the Legislature.

New JLOSC staff members were hired in March. On April 8 DACCTE staff and several Council Members attended a hearing before the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset

Committee in Legislative Hall and gave a Power Point Presentation and answered questions from the JLOSC members.

Dr. Constantine, Mr. Lathem and others attended the JLOSC Recommendations Hearing before the JLOSC on May 6th where they unanimously voted that DACCTE will continue subject to any further recommendations that JLOSC adopts.

DACCTE received the final report on June 7 and must report back to the JLOSC in January 2020 to show progress in completing the recommendations.

DACCTE 2019 Awards

Dr. Constantine thanked the committee members for their efforts in selecting this year's winners and invited everyone to attend and meet the recipients at the ceremony immediately following our Business meeting today. A copy of the Program and Press Release were distributed to Council Members.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ARTICLES

The following articles were distributed to the Council Members:

- "How to Narrow the Skills Gap"
- "Aligning Federal Policies Key to Form Stronger CTE Programs"
- "Report: Career Planning Needs to Start in Middle School"

BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Karen Hutchison moved to adjourn the business meeting, Leann Hornung seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DACCTE AWARDS CEREMONY

The business meeting adjourned and members moved to the Outlook Room for the 2018 DACCTE Annual Awards ceremony. This year DACCTE is happy to announce six award recipients:

Outstanding Contribution by a Business
Beebe Medical Center

Outstanding Contribution by an Advisory Group
Appoquinimink District National Academy of Finance (NAF) Advisory Board

Outstanding Contribution by an Individual
Shawn Crowley, ACE Mentoring Program

Outstanding Contribution by an Individual
Laura and Brad Ritter, Ritter Farms LLC

Paige M. Henry Outstanding Career and Technical Education Student
Abigail Bucklin, Student
Cape Henlopen High School

Paige M. Henry Outstanding Career and Technical Education Student
Carlyn Steckline, Student
Appoquinimink High School

All recipients were nominated by leaders from business, industry and education and are being honored for the significant and positive contributions they have made.

Also, the Council recognized Dr. Victoria C. Gehrt, Superintendent New Castle County Vo-Tech School District upon her retirement for her outstanding leadership and many years of dedicated service to Career and Technical Education.