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Full Council Meeting  
Virtual Meeting via Webex  
Thursday, April 15, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** Ronnie Burkle, Judy Diogo, Sandy Gray, Dr. Henry Harper, Dr. Karen Hutchison, Sam Lathem, Janis Nesterak, Dr. Karen Pickard, Bob Suppe, Chris Stahl, and Janet Nichols

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Janis Nesterak moved to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2020 Council Meeting as presented. Mr. Robert Suppe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:**

The Budgetary Expenditure Report as of April 14, 2021 was distributed to the Council. Mrs. Judy Diogo moved to accept the report as presented, subject to audit. Mrs. Janis Nesterak seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Mr. Stahl welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Members for the opportunity to work with the Council and informed them he will be splitting his time between the Newport and Dover offices. He also thanked Mrs. Nichols for her support and assistance during the transition period.

**Computer Upgrade and Support**

After several months working with the Department of Technology (DTI) to have them assume the maintenance of the DACCTE computers, we can report that both offices have received all new computer equipment which will be maintained by DTI going forward.

State Financial Training

Mr. Stahl spent much of his first few weeks going through the numerous financial trainings required by the Division of Accounting to maintain/meet DACCTE's financial obligations. Training was also completed in Human Resources and other areas as well.

Delaware Career Compass Advisory Committee

Mr. Stahl reported that he accepted the invitation from Kristie Manley to serve on the Career Compass Advisory Committee as Dr. Constantine's replacement. The Committee met on Friday, March 26 via a webinar and Mr. Stahl attended. He also reported that DACCTE will continue its sponsorship of the Career Compass.

Department of Education

The Council staff has always collaborated with the Department of Education (DOE) Career and Technical Education (CTE) workgroup for the advancement of CTE programs and students. Mr. Stahl reached out to the CTE Workgroup at DOE to introduce himself with an introductory email which was sent to all members of the workgroup. He has had virtual meetings with Lisa Stoner-Torbert, Mike Fitzgerald and Peg Enslin from DOE.

Dr. Enslin, has asked Mr. Stahl to be a part of the newly formed Skilled and Technical Sciences Mentorship group training for newly hired industry professionals without an education background. Mr. Stahl will provide information regarding the Council and CTE funding on an ongoing basis.

The Department of Education has moved the September 30 unit count, funding, and other data to a protected Portal Page. DACCTE staff has requested access to this portal page to be able to retrieve the data. Currently any information needed must be requested via a DOE Ed Associate.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) School Program Evaluations

Since on-site visits aren't possible, the CTE teachers at the schools on the Fall program evaluation schedule were surveyed via an emailed questionnaire. Responses have been analyzed, reports compiled and then emailed to the Principals at the surveyed schools which included: Appoquinimink HS, Dickinson HS, Mt. Pleasant HS, Newark HS and Woodbridge HS. Caesar Rodney HS was on the schedule for the Fall but did not respond.

The school principals were informed that the reports would be posted to DACCTE's website as required. Red Clay District CTE Coordinator Mr. Lou Mangione reached out regarding the Dickinson HS report to address the recommendation section. A note has been added to Dickinson's report to reflect the conversation and a copy was email to Mr. Mangione. The Newark HS principal responded with thanks and commented the report was thorough and easy to understand.

Survey questionnaires have also been emailed to the CTE Teachers at the schools on the Spring schedule which include: A. I. duPont HS, Brandywine HS, Christiana HS, Indian River HS, Lake Forest HS, Milford HS. The survey was also resent to Caesar Rodney HS and they responded.

It is the goal of Council staff to return to on-site visits in the Fall of 2021 – if not in-person then in some form of a virtual visit.

#### Legislature

Mr. Stahl reached out via email to all members of the Education Committee in the state House of Representatives and Senate, as well as the Joint Finance Committee with an introduction of himself and his willingness to work with them going forward.

#### American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Summary

Council Members received a copy of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 which provides additional education funding for the states. According to the data within the Act, Delaware is projected to receive approximately \$519 million for Elementary, Secondary and Higher Education. Of that amount approximately \$413 million will be earmarked for Elementary and Secondary schools. The funding can be used for a wide range of items/projects from hand sanitizer to updates to HVAC systems.

It's important that teachers are made aware of this additional funding stream that could benefit their CTE programs. Mr. Stahl discussed the idea of a newsletter which would include this information and be distributed and posted to the DACCTE website.

#### Rethinking Middle Schools

The Department of Education has formed a workgroup which is establishing guidance for middle school students to prepare them to be more successful and ready for high school related CTE courses. Expansion of funding for grades 5 & 6 for CTE courses is a step in the right direction for both students and teachers. Council Members discussed the need for middle school CTE programs to be evaluated. Council Members received a copy of workgroups meeting notes.

#### Delaware Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education (DACCTE) Articles of Organization

The DACCTE Articles of Organization have been updated to reflect the changes to the legislation that governs the Council. Mrs. Nichols made the necessary changes and the document was reviewed by Dr. Constantine for content. Mrs. Judy Diogo moved to accept the updated DACCTE Articles of Organization as presented. Mrs. Janis Nesterak seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Mr. John Gamble and Mr. Steve Roglen from Snap-on Tools were in attendance during the meeting. They are interested in meeting with Mr. Stahl to provide more information regarding Snap-on Tools National Coalition of Certifications. They also partner with other companies to provide course certifications. Mr. Stahl will follow-up with Mr. Gamble to obtain additional information.

Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business of the Council to discuss, Mrs. Janis Nesterak moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Diogo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.