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Full Council Meeting
Odessa High School
Townsend, DE 19701
Thursday, December 16, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Rony Baltazar-Lopez, Tamekia Broughton, Ronnie Burkle, Connie Fox, Mark Freidly, Sandy Gray, Dr. Henry Harper, D. Karen Hutchison, Dr. Karen Pickard, Mark Reeve, Bob Suppe, Chris Stahl and Janet Nichols

Guest: Mr. Mike Trego, College and Career Readiness Coordinator, Appoquinimink School District

ODESSA HIGH SCHOOL TOUR

Mr. Mike Trego, College and Career Readiness Coordinator for the Appoquinimink School District gave the Council Members a brief overview of the Odessa High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs. Immediately following Mr. Trego's comments, the Members were taken on a tour of the high school which highlighted the CTE areas of the school.

DACCTE BUSINESS MEETING

Dr. Karen Hutchison, Chairman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Mark Freidly moved to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2021 Council Meeting as presented. Dr. Karen Pickard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

The Budgetary Expenditure Report as of December 14, 2021 was distributed to the Council. Mr. Mark Reeve moved to accept the report as presented, subject to audit. Ms. Tameika Broughton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Stahl greeted the Council Members and thanked everyone for joining us this evening.

New DACCTE Member Appointment

Mr. Stahl introduced our newest Council Member, Mrs. Connie Fox who was joining us virtually this evening. Mrs. Fox was appointed to fill the vacancy in the "General Public" category left by Mrs. Hornung's retirement. Mr. Stahl welcomed Mrs. Fox and thanked her for her willingness to serve on the Council.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program Review Questionnaire

It was reported at the October Council meeting that Mr. Stahl was working with the office of Change Management to update the format for the CTE program review questionnaire. The survey is now being completed via Survey Monkey and has been a success. Teachers have reported during our school visits that the survey is much easier to complete and less time consuming.

School CTE Educational Program Visits

The fall CTE educational program visits have been completed at McKean HS, William Penn HS, Stanton MS, Delcastle Technical HS, Glasgow HS, MOT Charter HS, Concord HS, Springer MS, Selbyville MS, Middletown HS, Meredith MS, Smyrna HS, Smyrna MS, and Polytech HS. All schools visited have received their visit report and have been given an opportunity to respond. School reports from the Fall visits will be published to our website by January 1, 2022.

Mr. Freidly attended the visits at William Penn, Concord, and Middletown High Schools. He reported the William Penn High School visit was impressive. Teachers are very proud of their programs. The school has a unique approach to work-based learning. When possible, they hire students to work within the district which helps alleviate the transportation issue. However, transportation and schedules remain an obstacle. The CTE offerings at Concord High School are limited with only three CTE teachers. They have a new principal this year. Mr. Freidly also reported on the Middletown HS visit and said they are doing a great job at the school and at the district level promoting their CTE programs.

Mr. Suppe attended the Delcastle Technical High School informational visit and reported he is glad to see the Vo-Tech schools being added to the school visitation schedule. This was a very good visit. The teachers and students are impressive and the school is doing a good job supplying trained workers.

Mr. Burkle reported on the Smyrna visit. He felt the administration was very supportive and the teachers have a good understanding of their curriculum and are enthusiastic about their programs.

Mr. Stahl thanked the Council Members who attended the visits with him.

Work-Based Learning Issue

While talking to the teachers during the high school CTE educational program visits, many have mentioned an issue in completing the work-based learning aspect of their pathways. High schools are having difficulty placing students due to the lack of transportation to get them to the worksite. Several Council Members offered to meet with Mr. Stahl to further research the issue.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Director's Cadre

The CTE Director's Cadre was formed by Luke Rhine, CTE Director at the Department of Education (DOE) to keep the district CTE Directors up to date on matters regarding CTE and DOE. Mr. Stahl attended the meeting on November 3 and plans to attend upcoming meetings to stay informed regarding CTE and DOE.

Christina School District

On November 18, 2021, Mr. Stahl attended the Christina School District's CTE Department Chair meeting and gave a presentation about DACCTE to ten CTE teachers.

Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Conference

On October 19, 2021, Mr. Stahl gave the opening remarks at the statewide CTSSO Fall Leadership conference. His presentation included information about "What is DACCTE" and the "Benefits of CTSSO Participation". There were approximately 240 attendees representing BPA, DECA, Educators Rising, FCCLA, HOSA, SkillsUSA and TSA student organizations.

Secretary of Education Meeting

On October 21, 2021, Mr. Stahl and Dr. Hutchison met virtually with Secretary Bunting, Monica Gant Academic Officer and Luke Rhine, CTE Director from the Department of Education. Discussions focused on CTE issue within the state including DACCTE/DOE collaboration and the appointment of two non-voting Council Members to be appointed by the Secretary of Education.

State Budget Hearing – FY 2023

DACCTE staff submitted the Fiscal Year 2023 State Budget Request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) by the October 15, 2021 deadline. Mr. Stahl, Dr. Hutchison and Mrs. Nichols all attended the virtual hearing with OMB and the Controller General on November 16, 2021. The hearing went very well.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

DACCTE staff received a Freedom of Information Act request for information and have responded accordingly in a timely fashion.

Delaware Pathways Conference

On December 7-8, 2021, the Department of Education (DOE) hosted the Delaware Pathways Conference. This two-day conference was held virtually from 10 am -12 pm both days. Governor Carney gave the opening remarks which were followed by several breakout sessions. Mr. Stahl was able to attend on the 7th and participate. One topic of discussion focused on the realignment of middle school CTE programs, to better align programs with the high schools.

September 30 Unit Count Report

This year the September 30 Unit Count – Division I report was distributed to Council Members for their review. The total unit count, which provides state funding for teachers as of September 30 has increased by thirty-four units over last year. The three vocational school districts represent 32% of the units, while the comprehensive high school represent the remaining 68%.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Please let the minutes show that the General Public had access to this meeting either in-person or virtually and there were no attendees nor were there any public comments at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Hutchison told the Members she is very happy with the direction of the Council and looks forward to working with everyone in the new year. She and Mr. Stahl wished everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bob Suppe, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Ms. Tamekia Broughton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.