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Full Council Meeting  
Delaware State Troopers Association  
Dover, Delaware  
June 09, 2022

**ATTENDANCE:** Ronnie Burkle, Judy Diogo, Mark Freidly, Connie Fox, Karen Hutchison, Mark Reeve, Bob Suppe, Samra Iqbal (CTSO Representative), Chris Stahl, and Janet Nichols

Dr. Hutchison called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She asked that they introduce themselves to our student member who is attending for the first time today.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Connie Fox moved to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2022; Council Meeting as presented. Robert Suppe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

The Budgetary Expenditure Report as of June 08, 2022 was distributed to the Council. Bob Suppe moved to accept the report as presented, subject to audit. Judy Diego seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Stahl welcomed everyone to today's meeting and thanked them for their kind words, emails, cards and flowers after the passing of his mother.

#### CTE Program Visits

This school year the Council staff visited 39 schools for either a full program visit (high schools) or an informational visit (middle, charter and vo-tech schools) with every school receiving a follow-up report for review. Subsequently all reports have been posted to our website.

### Work-based Learning

Mr. Stahl and Council Members have heard during the school visits that transportation is an ongoing problem in getting students involved in work-based learning experiences. Council members Ronnie Burkle, Judy Diogo and Chair Karen Hutchison met with Mr. Stahl regarding the issues revolving around work-based learning at the high schools. As a result of that meeting, a survey was sent to the district CTE Coordinators asking for information regarding student transportation needs.

### Career and Technical Education (CTE) Meetings and Events

February 2<sup>nd</sup> attended the PLC meeting at Dover High School. Mr. Stahl gave a brief presentation about DACCTE to approximately 10-15 CTE teachers and enjoyed a tour of the facility.

February 16<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr. Stahl attended the Cadre meetings held by the Department of Education. These meetings provide updates and information regarding CTE programs and practices in our schools.

March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting with teachers and administrators including Dr. Morris the Vice President of Workforce Development at the Delaware Tech Middletown Training Center. Del Tech is working with the Appoquinimink School District to offer high school courses at their training center which will eventually have simulators for tractor trailer training.

March 10<sup>th</sup> was the first meeting of the Middle Grades Revision Steering Committee which is tasked with revising CTE programs in the middle schools.

May 4<sup>th</sup> Mr. Stahl attended the Milford Career Fair and provided information regarding the Council and copies of the Career Compass.

### Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Stahl joined the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce. Everyone should have received the email with a link to the Chamber Newsletter which included a new member spotlight. He has participated in many of the Chamber's events in an effort to increase networking with business and industry members.

### DACCTE Non-Voting Members

We have received notification from the Department of Education that Luke Rhine and TSA student Samra Iqbal will be representing the department as the two non-voting DACCTE members.

Joint Finance Committee (JFC) Hearing

On February 16<sup>th</sup> Dr. Hutchison and Mr. Stahl attended the Council's JFC Hearing in Legislative Hall to present the Fiscal Year 2023 operating budget. The presentation went well and there was an opportunity to discuss CTE with many of the legislators both during the hearing and after.

DACCTE Annual CTE Awards

Mr. Stahl thanked the Awards Committee members Rony Baltazar-Lopez, Mark Freidly and Mark Reeve for their efforts choosing this year's winners. The Committee met on March 5 at the Massey Station office to read through the many qualified nominations and make their selections.

Technology Updates/Support

We are continuing the technology updates at the DACCTE offices. New phones have been purchased and are awaiting installation by the Department of Technology (DTI). The new phones will work via an internet connection through our current network.

As reported previously DACCTE has received new computer hardware and network equipment from DTI. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2024, DTI will begin charging all agencies a fee to fully support all technology needs including equipment replacement and support. DACCTE's charges are estimated to be \$250 per staff member for a total of \$6,000 per year. Any new employees would increase the yearly amount.

Mr. Stahl will prepare a "Door Opener" request during the upcoming budget process to cover this new monthly expense.

Delaware Career Compass

Mr. Stahl reported that DACCTE provided sponsorship for the printing and publication of the Delaware Career Compass and Teacher's Guide. A copy of the Compass can be found on our website and copies will be mailed with DACCTE's Annual Report to the Governor, members of the General Assembly and others as required.

DACCTE State Fair Booth

Once again, Mr. Stahl was able to secure space in the Ag Building at the Delaware State Fair for DACCTE to have a booth with copies of the Career Compass available for fair goers. This year the fair will run from July 21-30, 2022.

**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING**

The next DACCTE meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2022. Once a meeting location has been confirmed, more information will be provided to the Members.

### **DACCTE ANNUAL REPORT**

A copy of the Annual Report was distributed to Council Members for their review during the meeting. Mr. Stahl gave an overview of the contents of the report and then discussed in detail the Summary and Recommendations including an in-depth discussion regarding the CTE funding "give-back" issue. For more information, please see the attached copy of the DACCTE Annual Report. The report will be posted to DACCTE's website upon approval from the Council and distributed to Governor, Legislature and others as required.

Mr. Freidly moved to accept the Annual Report as presented. Mr. Suppe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION HANDOUTS**

The following handouts were distributed to the Council Members:

- CTE in Delaware
- Delaware Education Equity in 2022
- "Community College Enrollment Is Down, But Skilled-Trades Programs Are Booming"

### **BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Mark Freidly moved to adjourn the business meeting, Bob Suppe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Let the minutes reflect that the General Public had access to the information regarding this meeting. There were no attendees and therefore no comments from the public.

**DACCTE AWARDS CEREMONY**

DACCTE 2022 Awards

Mr. Stahl thanked committee members Rony Baltazar-Lopez, Mark Freidly and Mark Reeve for their efforts in selecting this year's winners and invited everyone to stay 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.

This year DACCTE is happy to announce six award recipients:

Outstanding Contribution by a Business  
**Brilliant Little Minds Learning Center**

Outstanding Contribution by an Individual  
**Sital Soni**, Owner  
Elm Strategies

Outstanding Contribution by an Individual  
**Jennifer Heather Handler**, Instructor  
Mount Pleasant High School

Paige M. Henry Outstanding Career and Technical Education Student  
**Matt Gatune**, Student  
Polytech High School

Paige M. Henry Outstanding Career and Technical Education Student  
**Reagan Hockenbrock**, Student  
Indian River High School

Paige M. Henry Outstanding Career and Technical Education Student  
**Ardella Webb**, Student  
William Penn 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.