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Full Council Meeting
Massey Train Station
Dover, DE 19904
Thursday, December 15, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.

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

DACCTE BUSINESS MEETING

Dr. Karen Hutchison, DACCTE Chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Freidly moved to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2022; Council Meeting as presented.
Mr. Reeve seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

The Budgetary Expenditure Report as of December 14, 2022, was distributed to the Council. Mrs. Diogo moved to accept the report as presented, subject to audit. Mr. Baltazar-Lopez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

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

School CTE Program Visits

The fall CTE educational program visits have been completed and all schools visited have received their visit report and have been given an opportunity to respond. Schools visited in the Fall rotation included: Mt. Pleasant HS, Dickinson HS, Newark HS, Shue-Medill MS, Hodgson Vo-Tech HS, Appoquinimink HS, A.G. Waters MS, Woodbridge HS, Woodbridge MS, Caesar Rodney HS, Campus Community CS, Dover AFB MS and Mariner MS.

The school reports from the Fall visits have all been published to our website, and Mt. Pleasant High School has also posted their visit report to their website. Mr. Stahl thanked the Council Members for taking time out of their busy schedules to join him on the visits.

Work-based Learning

One issue that seems to come up during the visits has to do with work-based learning, Schools are failing to register students in the work-based learning course and therefore are losing out on additional funding. Another issue we are seeing, is no designated work-based learning coordinator. Some schools have a teacher or multiple teachers filling this role and some schools may be utilizing a Guidance Counselor.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Director's Cadre

The CTE Director's Cadre was formed at the Department of Education (DOE) to keep the district CTE Directors up to date on matters regarding CTE and DOE. There have two meetings this fall, but Mr. Stahl was unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts with school visits. He has however received and reviewed the materials from the meetings.

DACCTE CTE Workshop

On November 16, 2022, DACCTE held the CTE Fall Workshop at the Delaware State Troopers Association. Mr. Stahl gave presentations about DACCTE and funding issues to approximately 50 attendees which included CTE teachers, counselors, school administrators and other staff. Dr. Wickert, CTE Ed Director from the Department of Education (DOE) and some of the CTE Ed Associates were also in attendance. Dr. Wickert gave a brief update regarding DOE and some of the staffing changes. Council members received a copy of the agenda from the workshop.

Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Conference

On December 8, 2022, Mr. Stahl served as a judge at the Smyrna Educator Rising Competition held at Smyrna High School. There were approximately 350 students, advisors and judges in attendance.

State Budget Hearing – FY 2024

DACCTE staff submitted the Fiscal Year 2024 State Budget Request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) by the October 15, 2022, deadline. Mr. Stahl, and Dr. Hutchison attended the hearing with OMB and the Controller General on November 17, 2022, at the Haslet Armory and Mrs. Nichols attended virtually. This is the first step in the budget approval process. The hearing serves to inform the public on requested budgets and went very well. The next step in the budget process will be the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) hearing which is held in February.

Rural Broadband Internet Access Committee

Mr. Stahl was contacted by Dr. Wickert to either serve as the representative for DTI's Rural Broadband Internet Access Committee or pick someone from the Council to serve. Mr. Stahl contacted Rony Baltazar-Lopez to represent the council on the committee and he accepted. To date, there have been no meetings.

Department of Education (DOE) Credentialing Process

Members of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) workgroup continue to work on the credentialing process which is a component of the CTE curriculum. The team, led by Ed Associate Dr. Peg Enslin is determining which credentialing resources are approved and supported by DOE.

Middle School Course Funding

It was brought to Mr. Stahl attention that some of the middle school CTE courses have seen reduced funding this school year. Upon further investigation he learned that some of the middle school courses had been funded incorrectly at level three and have been changed to level two causing a reduction in the money received for the program.

Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program

Since October, Mr. Stahl has been a part of the Chamber's leadership program which meets the first Thursday of every month. Through his participation in the program, he has made valuable contacts and is learning a lot.

Spring CTE Educational Visits

Letters will be mailed the first week of January to the principals at the high schools scheduled for a full visit this spring. They are: Milford HS, Lake Forest HS, Indian River HS, Brandywine HS, Christiana HS and A.I. duPont HS. Council members will be notified as soon as the dates are confirmed in the hope your schedules will permit you to accompany Mr. Stahl on the visits.

DACCTE Website and Facebook Page

The DACCTE website is being updated frequently with pictures from school visits, the workshop, and other events. We have also added a "Tutorials" page which includes several power point presentations for CTE teachers and administrators. We are also in the preliminary stages of getting our Facebook page "live". It was agreed upon by the Council Members that once the Facebook page set-up has been completed, we will no longer participate on the Twitter platform.

September 30 Unit Count Report

The September 30 Unit Count – Division I report was distributed to Council Members for their review. This information, which is published by the Department of Education was distributed in November. The total unit count, which provides state funding for teachers as of September 30 has increased from last year. The three vocational school districts represent 30% of the units, while the comprehensive high school represent the remaining 70%.

Caesar Rodney CTE Informational Poster

Mr. Stahl passed around an informational poster that he received a copy of from his visit at Dover AFB Middle School. The poster, which was made by student for students encompasses all the career pathways offered at the district and includes QR codes students can scan for videos about the programs.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Hutchison reminded Council Members that the student organizations are always in need of judges for the local competitions. If any members are interested, please contact the DACCTE office and we will forward your names to DOE.

She also let the members know that on February 21 the National FFA Officer will be visiting Delaware at the FFA breakfast in Smyrna.

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.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Baltazar-Lopez, moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Mrs. Diogo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.