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Full Council Meeting
Delaware State Troopers Association
Dover, Delaware
May 02, 2023

ATTENDANCE: Tamekia Broughton, Ronnie Burkle, Judy Diogo, Connie Fox, Mark Freidly, Sandy Gray, Karen Hutchison, Mark Reeve, Bob Suppe, Samra Iqbal (CTSO Representative), Jon Wickert (DOE Representative), Chris Stahl, and Janet Nichols

Mr. Suppe, DACCTE Vice-Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Freidly moved to accept the minutes of the December 15, 2022; Council Meeting as presented. Mrs. Fox seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

The Budgetary Expenditure Report as of May 01, 2023, was distributed to the Council. Mr. Reeve moved to accept the report as presented, subject to audit. Mrs. Fox seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Stahl welcomed everyone to today's meeting and reminded everyone that the Awards presentation would follow the meeting.

CTE Program Visits

This school year the Council staff visited 35 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. The reports are all available on the DACCTE website. Over the past two years DACCTE has visited 75 schools throughout the state and next year's schedule will start the cycle of full visits for all schools.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Meetings and Events

Mr. Stahl reported that he continues to receive valuable information each month from the Career and Technical Education Director Cadre group.

Mr. Stahl met with Mrs. Lamb from I-CEV Learning Curriculum regarding CTE, how it works regarding CTE credentials and who to contact.

March 8th Dr. Hutchison and Mr. Stahl attended the Delaware State FFA Convention. While there they were able to meet with legislators, DOE staff, teachers and students.

March 13th met with the Milford School District Program Advisory Committee. Dr. Wickert from DOE was also in attendance.

March 27th Mr. Stahl met with Senator Buckson to follow-up on questions he had at the JFC hearing and provide additional information regarding DACCTE's role, mission and objectives.

March 30th Mr. Stahl made a presentation regarding 509 and Perkins Funding to the Delaware Association of Agriscience Educators at the Delaware Ag Museum in Dover. There were approximately 50 teachers and administrators attending for an approved professional development day.

March 31st Mr. Stahl met with Senator Brown who also had questions during the JFC hearing about the Council. During the meeting they also discussed Adult Basic Education.

April 5th attended the Delaware TSA Convention which was being held in-person for the first time in four years. There were many students and teachers participating in the event.

April 11th Dr. Hutchison and Mr. Stahl met with Dr. Jakeman, DOE Associate Secretary for Workforce Support and Mrs. Klein, DOE Operations Manager concerning "give back". Mrs. Klein explained that "give back" is legal and "DOE reviews the district reduction plans only so far as to make sure they are legal". They do not follow-up to make sure the monies are backfilled to the programs.

April 13th Mr. Stahl met with Dr. White and Dr. Gill, DOE CTE Associates to discuss work-based learning and how to find mentors for students seeking to become entrepreneurs. This issue has also been discussed with Mrs. Diogo and the possibility of partnering members of the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce with these students.

April 21st the Department of Education held the DE Pathways Conference. There were approximately 260 participants and provided an opportunity to meet and discuss CTE.

April 27th DACCTE hosted the second Professional Development workshop. Mr. Stahl presented to approximately 40 educators and administrators from around the state. The topic of this workshop was Perkins funding. A copy of the workshop agenda was distributed to Council members.

May 3rd and May 17th Mr. Stahl will be attending career fairs at Milford High School and Dover High School and providing copies of the Delaware Career Compass for attendees to take.

Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Stahl reported on his participation in the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce Leadership class. The program is going well, and he has participated in many of the Chamber's events in an effort to increase networking with business and industry members.

Joint Finance Committee (JFC) Hearing

On February 15, 2023, Dr. Hutchison and Mr. Stahl attended the Council's JFC Hearing in Legislative Hall to present the Fiscal Year 2024 operating budget. The presentation went well, however the Council's request for an additional \$6000 for the Department of Technology and Information (DTI) support was denied as was others. The Office of Management and Budget and DTI are working together to develop a plan to sponsor agency support. Mr. Shaner and Dr. Wickert from the Department of Education attended in support of DACCTE.

Statewide Broadband Committee

Council Member Rony Baltazar-Lopez has been representing the Council on the Statewide Broadband Committee and has participated in discussions via virtual meeting regarding the issue of internet access for rural areas in the state.

DACCTE Annual CTE Awards

Mr. Stahl thanked the Awards Committee members Mr. Freidly, Dr. Pickard and Mr. 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.

Delaware Career Compass

Mr. Stahl reported the Career Compass Advisory Committee met on March 29 and was led by Kristie Manley from DOL. DACCTE provides 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.

Council Updates

Mr. Stahl reported that Dr. Henry Harper has verbally notified the office of his intent to retire from the Council and we are awaiting his official letter of resignation. As previously reported via email, Mrs. Nichols will be retiring after many years of service. The position has been posted and we currently have several applications. Interviews will be conducted, and the appropriate candidate will be offered the position.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The next DACCTE meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2023, at the Milford Library in Milford, Delaware beginning at 5:00 p.m.

DACCTE ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Stahl reported that he is currently working on the Annual Report and will have it completed for the Council's review at the June 8 meeting. Once approved, the report will be posted to DACCTE's website and distributed to Governor, Legislature and others as required.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Suppe reported he participated again this year with the Skills USA welding competition in March. Currently the only schools participating are Polytech and Delcastle with Sussex Tech on board to join next year. Mr. Suppe expressed some concerns which were addressed by Dr. Wickert.

BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Diogo moved to adjourn the business meeting; Mrs. Fox seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DACCTE AWARDS CEREMONY

DACCTE 2023 Awards

Mr. Stahl thanked committee members again 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 five award recipients:

Outstanding Contribution by a Business

Comfort Keepers

Outstanding Contribution by an Individual

Dr. Judson Wagner, Instructor

Brandywine High School

Paige M. Henry Outstanding Career and Technical Education Student

Olivia Creamer, Student

Polytech High School

Paige M. Henry Outstanding Career and Technical Education Student

Jordy Estrada, Student

Indian River High School

Paige M. Henry Outstanding Career and Technical Education Student

Nawrah Zamir, Student

St. Georges Technical 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.