

**BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL  
GENERAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Friday, May 8, 2015**

A meeting of the General Advisory Council of Bucks County Technical High School was held on Friday, May 8, 2015 in the Board Room at Bucks County Technical High School.

**Members Present:**

Garney Morris, Garney Morris, Inc.  
Catherine McElroy, Bucks County Community College  
Kevin Troy, SEPTA  
Liz Walsh, BC-WIB

**Bucks County Technical High School**

Walter Hansell, School-to-Career Coordinator  
Kevin Ody, Workforce Development & Community Relations Coordinator  
Leon Poeske, Administrative Director

The meeting was called to order at 8:36AM by Mr. Morris, self-introductions followed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Troy, seconded by Mr. Morris, that the minutes of the February 13, 2015 meeting be approved. Council members unanimously approved.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Ody reported that things are winding down from the spring semester. He is currently working on the adult education brochure with more manufacturing included i.e. CNC, blueprint reading, possible apprentice machinist. Mr. Ody will be meeting with the WIB shortly regarding our curriculum and what manufacturing programs are needed. Apprentice Mechatronics was discussed.

**WORK BASED EDUCATION REPORT**

Mr. Hansell reported that 41 students have signed up to participate in the Econference at Parx Casino on May 13. The conference will include a business showcase, networking and STEM conference. Mr. Ron Martino, will be accompanying the Machine Technology students when they travel to a major medical manufacturer in West Chester which has a need for skilled workers and is looking to partner with BCTHS.

Mr. Hansell stated that we currently have 76 seniors and 24 juniors out on co-op. In addition, we have 31 seniors and 13 juniors participating in internships.

Dr. Poeske distributed information concerning Act 153. He discussed the impact it could have on work-based education. Act 153 states that anyone working with children (including employers) must have a background check as well as FBI and child abuse clearances. He announced that the WIB and the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce will give a presentation in June on Act 153 and how it will affect our co-op students.

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**SKILLS USA**

Dr. Poeske announced that BCTHS brought home a total of 42 medals from the state competitions; 20 gold, 10 silver and 12 bronze. In addition, junior, Riley Flanagan was named as a Pennsylvania Skills USA State Officer. Gold medal winners will compete at the national level in Louisville, Kentucky June 22-28.

**2014-2015 REVIEW**

Dr. Poeske announced that we are at our student capacity. We have had to limit the number of 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to 400.

Our budget has been approved locally, now it will go out to the sending districts.

Dr. Poeske reported that we received 50+ applicants for the principal position at BCTHS. Mr. Joseph Fullerton will start July 1<sup>st</sup>. We are all very excited to have him on board.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Friday, October 9, 2015

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35AM.

Submitted by:

Karen Needham