

**BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL  
GENERAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Wednesday, May 14, 2014**

A meeting of the General Advisory Council of Bucks County Technical High School was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 in the Board Room at Bucks County Technical High School. The meeting was called to order at 8:40am by Mr. Morris.

**Members Present:**

Jim Barnshaw, SEPTA  
Dan Bates, President, Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce  
Ed Needham, SMW 19  
Katie Moberg, PA Career Link, Bucks County  
Garney Morris, Garney Morris, Inc.  
Kevin Troy, SEPTA

**Bucks County Technical High School**

Ron Martino, School-to-Career Coordinator  
Kevin Ody, Workforce Development & Community Services Coordinator  
Leon Poeske, BCTHS Administrative Director

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Morris welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced new member, Katie Moberg, who is the Director of PA Career Link. Self-introductions followed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Needham, seconded by Mr. Troy, that the minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting be approved. Council members unanimously agreed.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING**

Dr. Poeske announced that we are moving forward and thanked those who attended the kick-off on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. He explained that this is a three-year state mandated plan designed to guide schools' vision and planning.

**PA-PIN (Pathways Innovation Network) UPDATE**

Dr. Poeske distributed an overview on what PA-PIN is all about, and explained how important it is to get students ready for the World of Work with focus on Career Pathways. PA-PIN is an initiative from the National Center for College and Career Transitions in collaboration with PDE. Dr. Poeske explained how he will be visiting with the Secretary of Education in Harrisburg soon, along with 5 or 6 other schools.

**ENROLLMENT IMPACT UPDATE**

Dr. Poeske stated that next school year our 9<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment will be capped at 400 students.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Dr. Poeske stated that he hopes to have our budget approved at our May board meeting.

**WORKBASED EDUCATION**

Mr. Martino reported that we currently have 84 students on co-op, and 39 on internships. He also announced the following:

- 14 students interviewed with SEPTA – one electrical student was hired.
- We have plans to tour Airline Hydraulics and Gamesa in the near future.
- The Youth Manufacturing Summit will take place on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- He announced a Mercer County articulation for Automotive.
- Evan Ducko, BCTHS Class of 2009, is one of 2 final candidates for a position with York County.

## **SKILLS USA WINNERS**

Dr. Poeske announced that 15 students will be going to Kansas City in June to compete in the national competitions.

## **EQUIPMENT GRANTS**

Dr. Poeske announced that BCTHS applied for \$50,000 (matching money) from the state for CNC Machines for the Machine Technology program, which desperately needs to be modernized.

## **NOCTI/KEYSTONE TESTING**

Dr. Poeske stated that every student must take the test to graduate. Our NOCTI scores last year showed that we were 90% proficient or advanced.

## **BC-WIB/LBCCC**

Mr. Ody announced that he has been appointed as the Youth Council Chair for the Workforce Investment Board.

In addition:

- A copy of the current summer exploratory brochure was distributed. Mr. Ody stated that this is the largest program of its kind in Bucks County. Over 10,000 brochures will be mailed to middle school students residing in our six districts. This year, summer exploratory will be held July 7 – 24, 2014
- A 5k race will be held this Sunday at BCTHS.
- Immaculata College will begin their graduate program this month and it will run over the summer.

## **WAWA UPDATE**

Dr. Poeske announced that the new WAWA on the corner of New Falls Road and Wistar Road is scheduled to open in November.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Troy congratulated BCTHS on receiving the PAPSA Award of Excellence for its Student Services Program. He stated the award is a testament to the great work we do at BCTHS.

Mr. Bates announced that the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce will be holding a manufacturing event on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be inviting technical and training schools in the area.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mr. Troy, seconded by Ms. Moberg, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:56am. Council members unanimously approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Needham