

**BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL
GENERAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Friday, October 10, 2014**

A meeting of the General Advisory Council of Bucks County Technical High School was held on Friday, October 10, 2014 in the Board Room at Bucks County Technical High School. The meeting was called to order at 8:35am.

Members Present:

Mike Gecht, Travel Ease, Ltd.
Katie Moberg, PA Career Link, Bucks County
Ed Needham, SMW 19
Bob Schuck, Sheet Metal Workers, Local #19
Kevin Troy, SEPTA

Bucks County Technical High School

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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from May 14, 2014 were tabled.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

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2014-2015 OVERVIEW

Dr. Poeske discussed our Comprehensive Plan which will hopefully be approved by the Joint Board Committee at their October 2014 meeting. Comprehensive Planning (formerly called Strategic Plan) is a three-year state mandated plan designed to guide schools' vision and planning.

Dr. Poeske summarized the TAP Program and MAX Teaching.

A healthy discussion took place regarding professional development.

Dr. Poeske discussed new committees being formed at BCTHS. Teachers and staff volunteered to serve on one of the following committees once a month: Campus Beautification, Crisis, Data Team, Information Technology, Peer Coaching, Professional Development, Safety, Self-Directed Research Design, and Wellness.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Ody discussed evening programs being held at BCTHS – A+ Certification, Phlebotomy, Microsoft and Apprenticeship programs.

BC-WIB UPDATE/LABOR MARKET

Ms. Moberg stated that Careerlink is working with the corrections world and is re-vamping their Youth Council due to funding. She discussed reauthorized WIA law funding.

Manufacturing month was held in October. Ms Moberg reported that all events held were successful and the turnout was great.

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ENROLLMENT IMPACT

Dr. Poeske reported that enrollment is at capacity – 1,520 students. We cannot accept any additional students due to logistics.

WORK BASED EDUCATION UPDATE

School-to-Career Coordinator, Walt Hansel, reported that there are currently 90 seniors on co-op and 39 juniors on internships. We currently have 22 cosmetology internships. Employers are fond of internships as it gives them a chance to look at the student. In addition, it is less demanding on the student.

ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Dr. Poeske distributed copies of assessment results.

EQUIPMENT GRANT

Dr. Poeske reported that he has submitted a grant application of over \$1 million for equipment needs.

OAC MEETINGS

Dr. Poeske announced that our Occupational Advisory Committee meeting will be held on October 15, 2014. The state mandates that we meet with business and industry at least 2 times a year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Our annual Open House for Prospective Students & Their Families will be held on Thursday, November 6th from 7-9pm. Applications for the new school year will be available.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Friday, February 13, 2015

Friday, May 15, 2015

Submitted by:

Leon Poeske