

BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL GENERAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

A meeting of the General Advisory Council of Bucks County Technical High School was held on Friday, November 3, 2017 at 10:00am in the Board Room at Bucks County Technical High School.

Members Present:

Nathan Cooper, Komfort Heat
Brian Cummings, PA CareerLink Bucks County
Michael Gecht, Travel Ease, Ltd.
Garney Morris, Electrician/Business Owner (Retired)
Kevin Troy, SEPTA
George Williams, McCafferty Auto Group

Bucks County Technical High School

Walter Hansell, School-to-Career Coordinator
Leon Poeske, Administrative Director
Suzie Sabo, Grant Writer

The meeting was called to order at 10:07am by Mr. Morris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Gecht, seconded by Mr. Cooper, that the minutes of the May 5, 2017 meeting be approved. Council members unanimously approved. Self-introductions followed.

Dr. Poeske stated that we will soon be interviewing for a principal position.

339/APE REVIEW

Dr. Poeske explained that a 339 audit of all technical programs was held at BCTHS on October 25, 26 & 27, 2017. This process is mandated by PDE and is conducted every 5 years. Dr. Poeske was pleased to announce that BCTHS received an excellent review and praise from the team for "running an excellent school".

FACILITY/ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Dr. Poeske reported that we had a great start to the 2017-2018 school year, however, enrollment is a little lower than he would like. The maximum is 1500 and we currently have 1400 students enrolled.

Dr. Poeske discussed future renovations and updates to our facility. Various ways to fund these projects were discussed.

LABOR MARKET UPDATE

Mr. Cummings distributed copies of an economy overview for Bucks County which includes a 2016 Labor Force Breakdown, Education Attainment, Historic & Projected Trends and Population, Industry and Workforce Characteristics. He stated that 37% of the people in Bucks County have a bachelor's degree or higher.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE RESULTS

Dr. Poeske reported that our spring 2017 NOCTI scores show that 89% of our students scored competent or advanced and 68% of our students received Advanced/PDE Skills Certification. Electronics/Green Energy and Baking & Pastry Arts scored 100% advanced and five of our technical programs scored 90% or above advanced.

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WORK BASED EDUCATION

Mr. Hansell reported on the following:

- We currently have forty-seven students on co-op; one on an internship.
- Cosmetology internships will begin later this month with over 20 different salons participating.
- Emergency Services internships will begin in February with local ambulance squads. We are currently working with the volunteer services office and the emergency department at St. Mary Medical Center to establish an internship program for our Emergency Services and Allied Health students.
- We are working with assistance from Dave Preston of Preston's Automotive in Hulmeville on establishing an internship program for 11th grade automotive students.
- An active shooter staff drill is being planned for the spring of 2018. The Crisis Committee is reviewing and making recommendations for updates to the current crisis manual.

GRANT UPDATES

Mrs. Sabo reported on the following:

- The EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit) program may offer companies a significant single tax credit if they want to donate to the school.
- She reached out to Snipes for a farm to table experience.
- Carpentry students are building an educational garden center at Snipes.
- She is meeting with McCafferty Ford to discuss possible co-op opportunities.

OAC MEETING SUMMARY

Dr. Poeske reported that 300+ members attended the Fall OAC dinner on October 11th. The meeting minutes from each technical program will be sent to supervisors who will review curriculum suggestions, commendations, facilities and equipment needs.

The next General Advisory Council meeting will be held on Friday, January 12, 2018 at 10am.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:16am.

Submitted by:

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