Joint Committee Meeting – February 4, 2019

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center was held at 77 Graterford Road, Limerick, PA on February 4, 2019. Ms. Dawn Heine, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

JOC Members:

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Non-Members present:
Dr. William Shirk, Superintendent, Pottsgrove S.D. & WMCTC Superintendent of Record
Daniel Chominski, Principal
Donna Wilson, Business Manager
Rachel Hetzel, IT Director
Marc Davis, Solicitor
Dr. Charles Nippert, Pottsgrove S.D. Board Member

A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Ms. Grimm to:
approve the JOC January 7, 2019 Reorganization Meeting Minutes and the January 7, 2019 Minutes.

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Motion carried 7-0

II. Administrative Director’s Report

Mr. Chominski reported in Mr. Moritzen’s absence:

A. SkillsUSA Results:
We would like to congratulate the following students on the accomplishments at the District level of competition:
- Kasey Tarantino (UP) 11th Auto Tech – Job Skills Demo A – 2nd place
- Breana Seiders (S-F) 11th Culinary – Culinary Arts - 2nd place
- Jon Liss (PG) 12th Diesel Tech – Diesel Equipment – 3rd place
- Jorge Villagomez-Agullera (S-F) 12th Collision – Collision Repair – 3rd place
- Briana Hoffman (PG) 11th Cosmetology – Esthetics – 3rd Place (Brianna Miller (UP 11th) model
B. General Update:
   - Applications – We have received 223 applications to date. PG: 55 (25 9th Grade; S-F: 95 (49 9th Grade); UP: 73 (29 9th Grade). The deadline for applications is March 15th.
   - The Car Show is scheduled for May 4th. Flyers and ads will be out soon.
   - We've received over 130 responses to the advance manufacturing survey. We will continue to ask the Principals to find a way to get these surveys completed.
   - A friendly reminder that the Senior Recognition Ceremony will be held on May 22nd at Pottsgrove Middle School.

III. Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

IV. Presentations – None

V. Committee Reports

Superintendent of Record’s Report – Dr. Shirk reported that on January 23, the Superintendents and Business Managers had an opportunity to meet with Mr. Moritzen and his staff in the morning to look at the proposed budget. We felt pretty confident with our first look. We asked Mr. Moritzen and Ms. Wilson to take a look at some equipment purchases and some supplies to see if that could be refined. Other than that he thinks all the Business Managers felt pretty solid and to take a second look in those areas.

Business Manager’s Report – Ms. Donna Wilson – No Report

Principal’s Report – Mr. Dan Chominski wanted to share a letter regarding 2 Pottsgrove students, Vanna and Becca, who did a really great job with a client. It exemplifies what we do here and it was nice to share the letter with everybody. He also wanted to share – obviously knows that Sports Med is a newer program here, and we are very proud of the instructor and he does a lot of great things with the kids. This week and next he’s having teams pair up and go into the shops since their doing the industrial athlete. They are observing HVAC, Culinary, Auto Tech, Diesel, and Collision and the different movements that they do. They are giving them analysis of how to avoid injury at work going forward. It’s really a neat thing that one of our teachers is doing and spreading out and applying what the kids are learning in other shops.

Board Secretary’s Report – No Report

Solicitors Report – Mr. Marc Davis, Esq. – No Report

VI. Action Agenda:

A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Ms. Grimm to:
approve the Action Agenda as presented A. Personnel


   A2. Approving Supplemental Contracts at $44.00 per hour, per Teacher’s contract for the 2018-2019 school year, for the Summer Day Camp for Diego Civello, Stephanie German or former students, Grant Greisler, Russ Keller, Jenni King, Barbara McGinnis, Cindy McDaniel, and Angela Reichert.
B. Field Trip:

Approving approximately 47 Cosmetology students, 2 Instructors and several chaperones to attend the International Beauty Show at the Jacob Javits Convention Center, New York, NY on March 12, 2019, for an estimated cost of $3,221.00 to be paid through fundraising and at no cost to WMCTC.

C. Finance: (Appendix B)

Approving the Cash Receipts and List of Bills as shown in Appendix B.

| Ashley Custer | Yes | Mark Dehnert | Yes | James C. Glackin | Absent |
| Patricia Grimm | Yes | Edward Dressler | Yes | Stephen Cunningham | Yes |
| Robert Lindgren | Yes | Dawn R. Heine | Yes | John Farris | Absent |

Motion carried 7-0

VII. New Business:

Ms. Grimm introduced Dr. Charles Nippert, Pottsgrove Board Member who came to the Community Dinner and meeting.

Ms. Heine took the opportunity to introduce our newest JOC Spring-Ford member, Mr. Mark Dehnert. Mr. Dehnert said this is his 12th year on the Spring-Ford board and his last since he’s not running for reelection. One of the reasons he wanted to be on this board is to see what we are doing here because he keeps reading about vocational jobs and the need for vocational education and a lot of the jobs are not college educated jobs. So many of the trades are struggling to get people, and as those people age it’s going to get worse. He wants to learn about programs we have and how we forecast going forward what the needs are going to be based on the projected job market. Not being involved in this board before I don’t know the plans and if we could get that kind of presentation.

Ms. Heine suggested meeting with Mr. Moritzen because we’ve gotten that information, and he can go over how we do that.

Mr. Dehnert asked how often we look at that.

Ms. Heine said annually.

Mr. Dehnert said he would like to be proactive and look at the job market and expanding in certain areas and make sure our limited resources are being put into those programs that generate the most opportunities for students who don’t want to go to college.

Dr. Dressler said as time goes on you’ll see that Mr. Moritzen has been very innovative in creating programs that open doors for our students to go into fields that have a clear path into management such as the Chick-fil-A Academy.

Ms. Heine said like the presentation Mr. Chominski talked about changing Metal Tech and adding Welding, that’s a huge driver right now. We talked about last month and the need for manufacturing.

Dr. Dressler said there’s hardly a monthly meeting that goes by that we’re doing something new innovation that Mr. Moritzen is introducing new opportunities for our students.

Mr. Dehnert said he’s been meaning to get with him, but the last few months our schedules didn’t line up. I travel some and in fact I’ll be gone most of March and April as he’ll be in Australia.

Mr. Cunningham said Mr. Moritzen and his whole staff do a great job of trying to find dollars available so we can get items for the students. We just got a plasma cutter and we’re getting a 3D cadaver table.

Ms. Hetzel said we’re the only technical school in Pennsylvania that has that.

Mr. Cunningham said We’re doing as much as we can especially with the amount of manufacturing in the area. He said for Dr. Shirk to correct him if he’s wrong, but one of the newest metrics for schools is the career ready index. This school here has such a big impact on our scores as we continue to push forward and get kids into that. We can already see where our districts are on the career ready index.
Ms. Heine said another sign we’re doing the right thing is when we have other schools come to visit and see what we’re doing and to look at the programs.

Ms. Hetzel said our job placement has doubled in the past year and students walk out of here with industry certifications through the door and our NOCTI scores are through the roof.

Ms. Grimm said when she first started here the NOCTI scores were 62-64% and that was the average. Now we’re in the 90th percentile.

Mr. Chominski said in the top 20 in the state. Our goal is that no kid walks out of here without an industry certification. He told Mr. Dehnert that he would give him a tour afterward. He felt that we are the best CTC in the state.

Mr. Dehnert said he had a tour about 4 years ago.

Mr. Cunningham said it has changed since then and often. One of the really cool thing is even though there are cost savings to this school when we need to add electrical we have students who are becoming electricians they get to see work, plumbing, HVAC. It’s all there, it’s like investing back in ourselves in a good way. He really enjoys how this school works.

Ms. Grimm said part of the college surveys they did is 60% female and 40% male.

Dr. Dressler said Mr. Moritzen is always inviting other representatives from local industries to find out what their needs are.

Mr. Chominski said the OAC is the one who suggested a separate welding program.

VIII. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items — None

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Ms. Grimm to adjourn the meeting.

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Motion carried 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Dressler

Dr. Edward Dressler, Secretary
Kathleen M. Mullen-Lewis, Recording Secretary