



77 Graterford Road
Limerick, PA 19468

Joint Committee Meeting – September 9, 2019

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center was held at 77 Graterford Road, Limerick, PA on September 9, 2019. Ms. Dawn Heine, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7: 05 P.M. following an Executive Session.

JOC Members:

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

Non-Members present:

Dr. William Shirk, Superintendent, Pottsgrove S.D. & WMCTC Superintendent of Record
 Christopher Moritzen, Administrative Director
 Daniel Chominski, Principal
 Donna Wilson, Business Manager
 Rachel Hetzel, IT Director
 Marc Davis, Solicitor
 Joe Vecchio, CIS Instructor & AFT President
 State Representative Joe Ciresi
 Alex Teplyakov, State Representative Joe Ciresi's Office

**A motion was made by Ms. Custer and seconded by Mr. Glackin to:
approve the August 5, 2019 Minutes.**

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

Motion carried 8-0

II. Administrative Director's Report

Mr. Moritzen welcomed everyone back and hoped that they were having a fabulous summer. He reported that:

A. School Start Up:

- We started very strong. Our Upper Perk students started last week.

- We've been working hard and the teachers are going over the documentation and safety stuff. Mrs. Landis is placing students for the students who have left us so we're still around 640
- Students started their pre-NOCTI testing today.
- Our In-Service went great. We had Brooks Harper here and we'll be releasing a copy of the video on our own network. You can see Brooks and his speech about using the 7 skills to make the mills. He did a really nice job of engaging the staff and students and they took a lot away from it.

B. Boy Scout Merit Badge College – 10-19-19

- In October we have our Boy Scout Merit Badge College and the numbers are thru the roof. Last year we had 17-18 and now we're looking at 106+. We're going to be very full for that. He has a memo going out to the staff. It's very exciting and we have kids coming from Virginia.

Mr. Glackin said some merit badges are difficult to find because you have to find somebody skilled enough to volunteer teaching.

Dr. Dressler asked if the purpose of this event is to allow them to get these merit badges by doing something within this facility.

Mr. Moritzen said it's also a recruitment tool. It started with Mr. Glackin's local troop and has spread. The majority of his local troop fills in and their feeders into our programs at the high school so we open up to local troops as well. We have over 20 teachers involved and over 15 different merit badges that are being offered. We have a lot of space to use and it's great publicity and a great opportunity for our teachers to work with these kids that could become potential students.

Mr. Glackin said there are 4 scout troops in his school district and they have at least 3-4 scouts from each troop registered and a lot of those kids are 8th graders. It's a great chance to get face time with the instructors in this building where the only time for them to be in the building is when they do their little walk thru.

Mr. Moritzen said we've seen that number grow for the 9th graders. In years past there have been 10 maybe 14 9th graders from Upper Perk. This year we have 34, which is triple our number our and we're excited to have those numbers.

C. Girl's Night Out- 11-14-19:

- Mrs. Mueller will be heading up this event again this year. Obviously, we will be promoting our new Welding Program that will be starting in 2020.
- Our OAC and Mr. Klein are working to get some of those present and some other marketing events for that opening.

D. Open House/Back to School Night – 12-11-19:

- We have flyers that get mailed out to all the districts. As you know, we are starting our Welding Program in 2020/21.

That concluded the Administrative Director's Report.

III. Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

IV. Presentations – Mr. Joseph Ciresi

Ms. Heine said she asked Mr. Ciresi to be at the meeting since he played an integral part in us receiving a \$40,000 grant and felt it was important that we recognize him for his dedicated service and continuing to keep us in mind while servicing in the State. She then introduced Mr. Ciresi.

He thanked all for allowing him to come back to the Western Center; it means a lot. After looking at the members who will be leaving and thanked them for their service. Everyone should be proud of everyone sitting at the table since he has served with all of you.

When they came to him with the grant idea they asked if I had who would be eligible, and he said absolutely the Western Center. The Governor has committed \$50 million in this year's budget to Workforce Development; he is majorly committed to Workforce Development. The legislators in general have gotten on board with Workforce Development. We're seeing across the board we don't have enough people to fill these jobs, who are trained individuals. We have to make sure we are training here so the students have careers when they leave. It is with great pleasure we were able to get \$40,000. When he first brought it up to Mr. Moritzen, transportation was mentioned. Mr. Moritzen said besides transportation in getting our students to more jobs through Co-Op & getting them employed we're also working on a training automotive program for single mothers, which might also expand into basic welding and manufacturing skills depending on the length of the course. Mr. Bray and the Auto team are putting together the curriculum. We will probably have that offered here in December to run to February as a 6-week training program. Mrs. German will provide child care at night to take care of the sitter needs at no cost. He's excited about the opportunities that are there and we worked really hard to put together a good grant idea and Mr. Ciresi helped to follow through and push that agenda for us so that we can continue to offer new and different things at the Western Center. We have 4 kids that are eligible for Co-Op that don't have a license or a means of transportation – may not be able to afford a car or insurance. We wanted to find a way to get these kids game fully employed so they could eventually have the money to buy a car and insurance. We shouldn't let that financial obstacle stand in the way of them getting a job. It provides them with better training in the work place as well. It's a huge part of what we do; they learn a ton in the classroom, but that real world experience in the auto shop, in the computer lab, in wherever it may be, is going to help them tremendously and hopefully have full time employment as they walk out the door.

Mr. Ciresi thanked Mr. Moritzen for stepping up to be able to do that because it's difficult sometimes in the 9 months he's been there of learning a lot quickly. It's a lot different than here where we get things done quickly. To be able to come back to the districts really means a lot. You will see as we continue to move forward as a legislator this is not controversial; we must support the CTE's throughout the state. \$50 million was the first step in what the Governor would like to do and he's been all over the state talking about the need. Mr. Ciresi would love to see the opportunity to have a college in the Greater Philadelphia area like Thaddeus Stevens since it is the only CTE college of its type under the state umbrella. He has mentioned to a few different people about possible location of a college of that sort. We will eventually see if something happens so it would be a lot easier for our students to have access under the state umbrella. He thanked everyone for what they do, this is an unbelievable building and he speaks highly of all the staff. He thanked everyone and said he looks forward to coming back for Open House.

Everyone thanked Mr. Ciresi.

V. Committee Reports

Superintendent of Record's Report – Dr. William Shirk – No Report

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

Principal's Report – Mr. Dan Chominski said it was great to start the new school year and re-iterate what Mr. Moritzen said. One of the thing he talked about with the 9th graders was the Co-Op Program and the amount of money they could make and have several jobs lined up when they leave here. We're excited about that freshman class that's in here. Mrs. Mueller has been doing an outstanding job with the seniors asking about Co-Op. To have the transportation for those that don't have a licenses and cars, which really are the biggest deterrent from students going on Co-Op. He also mentioned the Brooks Harper presentation. He looks forward to a great year.

Board Secretary's Report – Dr. Edward Dressler No Report

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

VI. Action Agenda:

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

A. Personnel:

1. FMLA Leave of Absence:

Approving a paid leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act for Mary Polinski, Accounting Secretary, beginning September 1, 2019. Her leave will be taken intermittently until she has reached the maximum 12 weeks provided by law.

2. Substitute List:

Approving Amy Bray to be added to the 2019-2020 Substitute List.

3. Hiring Authority:

Authority be granted to the Superintendent of Record/Administrative Director of Western Montgomery CTC to appoint qualified personnel to vacant positions during the period of September 10, 2019 until the next regularly scheduled board meeting in November 2019.

4. Fall Automotive Classes:

Approving following classes:

- **Pennsylvania State Inspection 9/23, 9/25, 9/30, 10/2 6- 9pm**
- **Pennsylvania Emissions 10/16, 10/21, and 10/23 6-9pm**

5. Supplemental Contracts:

Approving Supplemental Contracts for:

- a. Don Bray, William Soleau, Chuck Smith and Russ Keller, Automotive Cluster Instructors, for Adult Automotive Training Classes for 2019-20 school year at a rate of \$44.00/hr to be paid through the PA Leg Grant with no cost to sending districts.**

6. Part Time Cooperative Education Driver:

Approving the creation of up to two (2) Part-Time Cooperative Education Drivers to provide transportation for students to local business and industry locations for the purpose of increasing Cooperative Education placements. Compensation will be set at \$14.50/hr. with no benefits and will be at no cost to sending districts as this will be paid utilizing the PA Leg Grant Funds.

B. Conferences/Student Competition:

- 1. Approving Patricia King, Health Sciences Technology Instructor, to attend the Health Strategies Update at Penn State, PA on October 31 & November 1, 2019 for an approximate cost of \$950.00.**

2. Approving a maximum of 27 students and three staff to attend the SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference being held November 13-15, 2019 at Pocono Manor, PA. WMCTC will be responsible for approximately \$3,500 or less, based upon the actual number of students attending, to help offset cost in addition to fundraising.

C. Finance: (Appendix B)

Cash Receipts and List of Bills:

1. Approving the Cash Receipts and List of Bills as shown in Appendix B.
2. Approving to pay the List of Bills until the next regularly scheduled board meeting in November, 2019.

D. Agreement between Teamsters and Maintenance and Custodial Employees (Appendix C)

Approving the Agreement between Teamsters Local and WMCTC for maintenance and Custodial Employees from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 subject to Solicitor approval.

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Patricia Grimm	Yes	Edward Dressler	Yes	Stephen Cunningham	Absent
Robert Lindgren	Yes	Dawn R. Heine	Yes	John Farris	Yes

Motion carried 8-0

VII. New Business

PSBA Officer Election

A motion was made by Mr. Lindgren and seconded by Dr. Farris to: abstain from voting.

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

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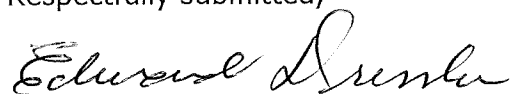
VIII. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items - None

IX. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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