

School Council / General Advisory Committee Minutes

April 8, 2015

- A light dinner was provided by our culinary arts program. The meeting began at 5:40PM. The minutes from January 14th 2015 were read and accepted.
- Mr. Buontempo elaborated on the forming of a steering committee to bring new technical programs to LVTI. The first meeting will be held on April 28, 2015 in the Main Building. Later in the meeting admissions was discussed and all agreed that the introduction of new programs would spark new interest in LVTI, attracting more students to enroll
- LVTI has the highest number of students out on Co-Op and internships in recent years. Many juniors are now participating in the program. LVTI's 3rd annual Career Fair on April 16th from 9-11AM was discussed. Sixty employers are expected to make themselves available. Students have been preparing for interviews and presenting themselves for the visit.
- Mr. Buontempo shared the most current Perkins funding expenditures. He explained that some professional development items have been changed as per upper administration while others have been added such as Project Lead The Way and Adaptive Software training.
- Precision Machine Capital Grant contract has been finalized and items are out to bid. The Machine program anticipates receiving this equipment for use in the fall of 2015.
- LVTI and ISD are working collaboratively to address OSHA/CPR issues. Mike Donovan has received a request to place LVTI on a priority list for our NEASC visit.
- The pre-Apprenticeship program was very successful and strongly impressed the people running the program. Instructors could not say enough good things about the students. At least one will be invited to explore union opportunities further. All are invited to their Career Day on May 7th 2015 where our students will present a project on a "green" rooftop.
- LVTI's PIMS / SIP plan was reviewed. The committee was brought through the process that LVTI is going through for improved academic performance. Ms. Spinucci explained some of the more specific initiatives to the committee.
- Mr. Buontempo shared the LVTI most improved drop-out rate with the committee.
- CISCO program will be introduced at LVTI this fall.
- The all-school read was presented to the committee "How One Teenager is Changing the World" and that the 15 year old innovator may be asked to visit LVTI in the fall as a follow up.
- Mr. Buontempo explained the extended tutoring opportunities to support our students for our math and science MCAS tests in grades 9 and 10.
- The committee was informed of the Life-Sciences Grant that will be distributed across the science department.
- Mr. Buontempo elaborated on the reduction in Title 1 funds. Ms. McDonald expressed her disappointment at the prospect of not having a summer camp this year. She attributed students completing summer requirements to this program.
- Grade 8 recruitment was discussed with LVTI expecting approximately 252 new freshmen.
- Mr. Buontempo reviewed the NEASC accreditation process with the committee.
- Mr. Buontempo shared the MIAA Community Service Award for a club/organization (SKILLSUSA) and the team of dedicated teachers that have put LVTI in the forefront of this organization.
- Mr. Buontempo asked for committee recommendations and concerns as well as commendations. These will be presented to the school committee in May 2015.
- Meeting adjourned 6:57PM