

School Council / General Advisory Committee Minutes

March 9th 2016

- A light dinner was provided by our Culinary Arts program. The meeting began at 5:05PM. The minutes from October 14th 2015 were read with no further discussion.
- Bonnie Carr updated the council members on the steering committee formed to bring new technical programs to LVTI. Ms. Carr spoke briefly about LVTI's three areas to focus: HVAC, Information Technology and Networking and the possibility of either expanding Health Technology or adding a Medical Assisting Program. Mr. Buontempo asked member Jim Ward if he could look into building an advisory board for the IT program.
- LVTI Co-Op continues to thrive with high numbers of students out on Co-Op jobs and internships in recent years with over 60 seniors working in related fields. WIB and North Shore Career Center will be getting juniors and seniors prepared for the Career Fair in April. Radio 104.9 will be broadcasting live. Question about sophomores attending fair and Bonnie explained that they are focusing on MCAS. Bonnie also spoke briefly about the Early College Initiative where 20 of our students are taking dual enrollment courses for credit at NSCC.
- Mr. Buontempo mentioned Perkins funding expenditures. He reiterated the need for a long term equipment plan of 2-3 years out. Bob also explained need of submitting requests must be earlier to assure alignment with the grant before submitting the grant to the DESE for approval.
- Bonnie Carr shared that our Engineering program is seeking Chapter 74 program approval and anticipates submitting documents to the DESE by April 2016.
- OSHA/CPR issues. One major issue concerning the upgrading of Metal fabrication's exhaust system is being addressed by the city and will be ongoing until completed. A cylinder lift is also being installed in the shop as required.
- Lynn Community Enrichment with Tony Dunn is offering a variety of adult Ed courses. Mr. Bare mentions Language classes and Mr. Buontempo mentioned the Oil Burner class. Tony visions offering training adults for better jobs.
- The pre-Apprenticeship program was very successful and strongly impressed the people running the program. Our plumbing instructor David Gagner is organizing a two week program for both juniors and seniors in May to be held outside on school grounds.
- Kim McFarlane spoke about MCAS and how data is being used to improve instruction including a district driven. The committee was brought through the process that LVTI is going through for improved academic performance. Kim reviewed the Vocational Math Integration initiative and the benefits to students in their trade areas and to Accuplacer. She also mentioned the success of our Saturday MCAS initiative and the DDMs that all teachers need to have for evaluation purposes.
- Mr. Gallo discussed scheduling changes for the 2016-17 school year. Scheduling will be dictated by student numbers which affects class size.
- Guidance-led changes to LVTI's Grade 8 recruitment were discussed. Guidance was proactive in exposing opportunities at LVTI to middle school students via lunchroom presence and attending open house nights. Grade 8 tours and our recruitment video were effective in promoting LVTI. Mr. Buontempo shared that there were 382 applicants, 287 acceptances and sixty more placed on a wait list.
- Student Enrollment is anticipated to grow from 861 students to about 946 in 2016-2017.

- Mr. Buontempo discussed the efforts to make the LVTI website have shown improvement. The website is current and is constantly being updated. Mr. Buontempo reiterated that people visit websites to see what the school is like and this is a stronger PR tool for us.
- Ms. Spinucci updated the NEASC accreditation process with the committee.
- Mr. Buontempo asked for committee recommendations and concerns as well as commendations. Ms. MacDonald shared her Email for additional information.
- Meeting adjourned 6:20PM