

## School Council / General Advisory Committee Minutes

October 14<sup>th</sup> 2015

- A light dinner was provided by our Culinary Arts program. The meeting began at 5:05PM. The minutes from April 8<sup>th</sup> 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 said that after research of employment data both locally and regionally the steering committee has chosen three areas to focus: HVAC, Medical Assisting and Information Technology and Networking. Bonnie also raised the need to explore existing programs in the same manner to determine the future of programs that may not have evolved to effectively meet the mission for the students.
- LVTI Co-Op continues to thrive with high numbers of students out on Co-Op jobs and internships in recent years. Many juniors are now participating in the program. Ms. Carr attributed this to the excellence in training in the technical areas by the instructors who work with her to match skills with job opportunities for students and a stronger job market.
- Mr. Buontempo shared the most current Perkins funding expenditures. He explained the need for PAC chair people to address equipment projections for the next two years at their first Advisory meeting. Bob also explained that the process of submitting requests must be earlier to assure alignment with the grant before submitting the grant to the DESE for approval.
- Mr. Buontempo shared that Precision Machining has been reinstated as a Chapter 74 program as of October 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 thanks to the hard work and combined efforts of Bonnie Carr and Mike Pickering. Pre-Engineering Chapter 74 Approval will be the next focus. The program now has a certified instructor which is required to move forward with the process.
- LVTI and ISD have worked collaboratively to address 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.
- 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.
- LVTI's PIMS / SIP plan was reviewed with all by Kim McFarlane. The committee was brought through the process that LVTI is going through for improved academic performance. A new ELL Coach has also been made available to support teachers who have mainstreamed ELL students who may need differentiated instruction.
- Mr. Buontempo discussed scheduling changes for the 2015-16 school year in that sophomore and freshmen shop times have been reversed with sophomores now having shop in the afternoon and freshmen in the morning. The change was made to benefit both academic and technical performance. He also mention the possibility of splitting juniors and seniors next year to benefit CoOp opportunities and to hopefully accommodate an increase the number of technical teachers.
- Mr. Buontempo shared the intent and current status of Title 1 funds.
- Guidance-led changes to LVTI's Grade 8 recruitment were discussed. Guidance will become more 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 are also being adjusted to better promote LVTI. Concerns about misconceptions among middle school guidance and teachers were mentioned by multiple members.
- Mr. Buontempo discussed the efforts to make the LVTI website more effective as a PR and communication tool for all. A meeting was held with the Webmaster Robert Wilson and LVTI's Web instructors to make improvements.
- Mr. Buontempo updated the NEASC accreditation process with the committee.
- Mr. Buontempo asked for committee recommendations and concerns as well as commendations.
- Meeting adjourned 6:17PM