



EFE Mission: Prepare today's students for tomorrow's careers!

EFE Council Goal: Advisory for program planning, development and operations.

EFE Council Meeting

October 20, 2016

MINUTES

Members present: Lisa Bartell, Cameron Buck, Dave Campbell, Deb Coates, Amy Doxtater, Kevin Hollenbeck, Krieg Lee, Greg Lozeau, Jason Luke, Irene Mayfield David Maurer, Deb Miller, Anna Patton, Greg Rabick, Karen Robyn, Larry Schlack, Jim Sertic, Tim St. Onge, Kara Stewart

I. Welcome/Introductions

Jim Sertic welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Announcements/Minutes

The minutes from the May 2016 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Dave Maurer made a motion to approve; seconded by Tim St. Onge. The minutes were approved as is.

The EFE Calendar of Events for 2016-2017 handout was distributed and important dates were noted by Jim Sertic. Cameron Buck was introduced and welcomed to the council. Deb Miller explained the job description of the EFE Program Administrators.

III. Current Student Survey Results, Upjohn Institute

Kevin Hollenbeck distributed the results of the data from the current student survey. He explained in detail this data with a PowerPoint presentation. Overall, the data continues to show a high level of satisfaction of students who are enrolled in EFE programs. Some downward trends were noted. A lengthy discussion took place regarding economic factors, educational considerations and student opportunities as related to the data. Kevin Hollenbeck announced his retirement from Upjohn Institute. The council thanked him for his years of service with a card and gift.

IV. CTE Legislative Update

Dave Campbell welcomed Cameron Buck to the council and gave a brief legislative update. He mentioned that there is one "hot bill" in legislation right now relating to MI. Merit Curriculum (MMC); it pertains to a computer coding class and how it could replace the world language requirement of MMC. Dave explained how bills are often passed at the state level. It was noted that Algebra II should NOT be required; rather we should try to make it optional or a choice between many math classes such as Algebra II, Trig or Stats.

A Career Readiness study has been completed and will be forwarded to this council. The study shows a big shortage of CTE teachers. The 21st Century Education committee looked at funding and accountability structure. CTE is being reviewed by this committee. The current rules and governance of CTE is 53 years old and should be reviewed and revised. Perkins Grant also affects CTE in many ways. Deb Miller will attend a meeting on November 1st pertaining to Perkins funding.

V. Advisory Committee Updates

No advisory committee updates were reported today.

VI. Early Middle College (EMC)

Lisa Bartell reported enrollment of 250 EMC students for 16-17. Over half of these are Gull Lake students. There is also strong enrollment from Schoolcraft and Parchment high schools. Other districts in the county also have students enrolled in EMC but in smaller quantities. Of the 250, only a small percentage are enrolled in a certificate program; the majority are enrolled in the transfer programs. More EMC program offerings will be available next year. Health Science programs are currently being reviewed. Transportation was made available to KVCC for

EMC classes via the EFA/EFE bus hub system this year. EMC will be participating in the MiCareerQuest (MCQ) event on Nov. 1 & 2. Recruitment for EMC takes place all year via open houses, school presentations, etc... Lisa has been making presentations in many EFE classrooms to make students aware of articulation and EMC options.

A question was asked if there is any resistance in enrolling in EMC because of the added fifth year of school. Lisa indicated that she has not had much conversation regarding that. Most districts allow their seniors (12th graders) to continue with all the normal senior activities with their peers which helps students overcome the idea of staying in high school another year.

The KVCC Culinary Arts program is up and running in the new KVCC Healthy Living campus in downtown Kalamazoo. The café is open to the public and is staffed by the KVCC Culinary Arts students.

VII. MiCareerQuest (MCQ) Southwest

Jason Luke explained two handouts that were distributed to the council: 1) the schedule for schools and 2) the open house flyer. The event has been moved to November verse the mid-winter date of last year. Most schools participate with overwhelming enthusiasm. Career exploration shows students many options that they might never have had a chance to experience. Career Cruising ties directly to MCQ which is evident with 9th graders picking their two options. Thank you to all business members for participating and supporting this event.

VIII. Members' Time

- Jim Sertic stated that the economic outlook is good. The economy continues to improve and the unemployment rate supports this.
- Government involvement is important. We need to continue to vote for those who support CTE and our values.
- The national debt and how it relates to us was mentioned; Americans increase our value by having a high skill in specific areas.
- EFE continues to help students find their passion and to become experts in their skill area which will help drive our economy.
- Jobs are created by well run businesses; good jobs require the high skills that EFE helps provide.
- Deb Miller explained two handouts that were requested from the May 2016 EFE council meeting, 1) enrollment history and 2) total enrollment by program and by district for 2016-17.
- Jim asked everyone to keep promoting EFE and high skilled careers to all.
- Next meeting is February 16th.