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School Board Report Monday, September 11, 2017

New Staff Members:

We welcome the following new members:

Greg Allain- Marketing Teacher

Justin Griffin – Graphic Arts, Film/Video & Photography Teacher

Nik Nutting – Business Teacher

All three bring a myriad of experience and expertise to their fields which will certainly enhance the education of all CTE students. Each new staff member is aligned with an experienced mentor to ensure support throughout the first year in the classroom.

We also welcome our new Career Coordinator, Christine Thompson. She will provide guidance and assistance to students seeking work based learning opportunities, internships, job shadowing and other extended learning opportunities (ELOs) in the community.

Priorities for the Center:

1. All new staff members will gain an awareness and understanding of competency based education through professional development & other supports. Veteran staff will continue their study and understanding of competency based education. To prepare for this transition, veteran staff will work to develop and design a competency based reporting system that can be used in the 2018-19 school year.
2. The staff will complete our UbD (Understanding by Design) curriculum project by January 1st 2018. Those that have completed this will continue to review, revise and update their curriculum and collaborate and help those teachers who are still working on this project.

Department of Education Monitoring:

The MWVCTC has been selected by the DOE's Bureau of Career Development (BCD) to be monitored during the School Year 17-18 to review the operations of the center overall and that of the center's programs. It has been four years since the last monitoring. The mission of the BCD is to provide CTE centers and their staff with the technical assistance necessary to continue to be centers of excellence and to provide NH's students with CTE experiences that prepare them to enter college and the workforce. MWVCTC welcomes the opportunity to share our successes and challenges with the DOE and will be preparing for the monitoring visit which will be scheduled for some time in the Spring.

Carl D. Perkins Grant:

The Carl D. Perkins Grant has been awarded to the MWVCTC for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$90,588.79. This award represents an increase of approximately 23.7% over last year's

allocation of \$73,220.98. This increase is a result of shifts in economic demographics in the valley and statewide. These funds will enable the center to upgrade equipment, software and supplies to industry standards in Automotive, Culinary, Machine Tool, Building Trades, CADD and Graphics. Further, it provides funds for staff professional development, student field trips, industry certifications and work based learning initiatives.

Open House:

Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20 from 6:00-8:15 pm. Notification will be sent to parents prior to the event and we will also place a message in the local paper and run a PSA with the local radio stations.

Summer Camps:

MWV School to Career Summer Camps had a fantastic summer. Students going into grades 7-9 attended eight different camps this summer. Joe Riddensdale and several other MWVCTC teachers oversaw approximately 140 campers this summer. Camps included Culinary, Construction, Health Science, Photography/Video, STEM, Creative Computing and Video Game Design. A record number of scholarships were requested this year and all were accommodated.



Computer Programming:

Our new Computer Programming lab is up and running. Through Perkins funding we were able to purchase eighteen HP:z250 Towers which are configured to handle the processing, memory and graphics needed for robust program development up to and including virtual reality programming. Further, the new 27 inch monitors provides ample visual fields to hold the various software tools on the screen. Dan Richardi completed Harvard's CS50 programming course this summer which allows him to continue with more advanced computer programming courses at Harvard. He is very excited to be sharing all he learned this summer with students. Dan is also planning a December field trip to observe projects created by Harvard's freshmen students currently enrolled in the CS50 class.

Teacher Education:

Little Eagles Preschool is kicking off our 23rd year with 23 families representing 26 students...largest class yet. We are also welcoming 18 Student Teachers to the Little Eagles. The first day of school for our youngest students is Monday, September 11.

**Machine Tool:**

The Advanced Machine Tool class is ramping up to make critical flight hardware for NASA. Once again, hardware made by our students will be used on the International Space Station. Andy Shaw has been asked to be a featured speaker at NASCAR's Technical Open House in Charlotte, NC on October 6. The open house welcomes 40+ Machine Tool teachers from around the United States.