

Report of Director
Board Back up
August 23, 2017 Meeting

1. Policy Meeting – I met with the Policy Comm. members on August 1, 2017 to review and revise the Cooperative Agreement, Cooperative By Laws and the Organizational Meeting Policy (BDA). We also discussed hiring Maine School Management Association to do a Policy Review including a digital copy. I will include a more detailed letter in your board packet.
2. Negotiation Meeting – The committee met to discuss our American Welding Society Test Site with David Hartley and the anticipated retirement at the end of this year of our Administrative Registered Medical Assistant Instructor. Another meeting was scheduled for August 14, 2017 to discuss these issues in greater detail.
3. Melmac Foundation – We met with Wendy Ault, Executive Director of the Melmac Foundation on August 7, 2017 to discuss grant funding for a pilot CTE Boot Camp for Middle School students. New legislation (LD1576) is pending which would require earlier introduction of Career & Tech Ed (CTE) in Maine Schools. We believe this pilot would fulfill the obligation of CTE Schools. The grant we are seeking would be \$25K for four years. This meeting is a result of Mr. Porters connection with Wendy Ault and of great benefit to Region III.
4. Negotiation Meeting – I met with members of the Negotiations Committee and David Hartley to determine details regarding a proposed Memorandum of Agreement in accordance with Article III of the current negotiated Agreement to be requested from the Education Association/MEA/NEA – Chief Negotiator. A copy of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement was included in your board packet.

The other item discussed further was the anticipated retirement of our Administrative Registered Medical Assistant Instructor at the end of this school year. Since we just recently interviewed candidates for the Clinical Registered Medical Assistant Instructor position we were fortunate to find a candidate who is highly qualified for the Administrative side of the Registered Medical Assistant position. Nothing can go forward until we actually receive notice in January of their intent to retire at the end of the school year.

I anticipate an executive session once notice is given to discuss proposed recommendations from the Negotiations Committee.

5. Policy Meeting – On August 21, 2017 I met with the Policy Committee to discuss multiple policies to do with Discrimination and Harassment. Information on some of these policies are included in your board packet and on the agenda for the upcoming board meeting.
6. School Review – DOE – On August 24, 2017, I invited Danielle Despins , MDOE Coordinator, to meet with Mr. Porter our Student Services Coordinator and myself to review and sign our recent Voluntary Compliance Plan (VCP). We also updated areas that had been completed. Danielle reviewed these areas on site while she was here. We are in good standing at this point with only 2 or 3 areas to complete.
7. DOE – On Monday, August 28, 2017, Mr. Porter, our Student Services Coordinator and I traveled to Augusta along with David Keaton, Region 2 Director, Rob Callahan, Lewiston Technical Ctr. Director and Don Cannan, Executive Director of MACTE. The purpose of the meeting was to address the proposed CTE Essential Programs & Services Model (EPS) MEPRI report that was provided to all CTE Directors over the past few weeks. In this report the rural, less populated and smaller schools stood to lose significant funding. The schools losing money under this proposed formula all fit a dire need...small pops, rural in nature, industry closings especially paper mills in Lincoln and Rumford and economy lapses in Aroostook county. All of the top brass from DOE were present. We learned that the MEPRI Report did not represent the State Administration and that another report will be coming out in the future. Our MACTE group had many concerns that were compiled and provided to DOE. However, we will be meeting again within 3-4 weeks. We were assured that funds allocated by formula will go 100% to the Regions and Centers. This was a very positive meeting which generated a supportive tone to work together to resolve issues and increase opportunities for students. I will provide a copy of our report at of the meeting at tonight's meeting.

Look forward to meeting with all of you at our meeting and have a couple additional issues to report. ☺

A meeting in the near future is being planned to meet with staff from our area healthcare facilities to introduce Rachel as well as discuss ideas that will improve curriculum, student performance and internship opportunities.

“Students don’t care what you know, until they know that you care.” Unknown