

**Report of Director
January 24, 2018**

1. December 5th & 6th Sorry this was not reported on my December Director's Report, however, I am pleased to announce that 23 Region III students participated in the Driving Dynamics Course. This course offers all drivers the opportunity to improve their defensive driving abilities. This is a five hour course which includes discussion of collision avoidance techniques, safety issues, driver habits and attitudes and the basic elements that constantly challenge drivers on Maine's highways. It is possible certain insurance carriers may offer discounts for completion of this course. Also, three-points are credited on driving record for those who complete the course.
2. January 9th I met via Tandberg with members of the Bridge Year (Early College) Board as well as several CTE Directors and a member of the State of Maine Board of Education. The meeting was requested in order to discuss ideas on how to make this program more flexible. As a result of these discussions and after the Bridge Year Board of Directors met on Friday, January 12, 2018, a handout was created listing the proposed modifications. I am including this handout in your board packet. I have also emailed this handout to our area superintendents and principals. I would love to see more of our sending high schools participate in this program. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to earn college credit and enjoy the CTE experience.

I also have applied for the Bridge Year – Early College Grant for next year for three schools even though at this point I have no idea if any of them plan to participate. If I didn't apply now there would not be funds available to run the program in the event one or more of the sending high schools decided to provide this opportunity to their students.

3. Since our December meeting was cancelled just want to remind you that the Program Review Committee unanimously agreed to recommend extending the Law Enforcement program another year to the Cooperative Board. A copy of the initial report is included in your packet for review. This is also an agenda item on our January 24th board agenda.

I also met with the Program Review Committee on January 10th to review our Career Prep/Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) program. Mrs. Vose the Career Prep/JMG Instructor provided a very nice presentation to the committee members. My follow up summary report will be provided for our February board meeting, however, we are all in agreement that when our students leave Region III they not only have had the opportunity to earn a skill, certification/license but have also had the opportunity to learn career skills, write a resume/cover letter, financial literacy, work ready skills assessment and participated in mock job interviews, to name a few. We want our students to have it all.

4. January 18th approximately 70 community members attended our annual Open House and In House SkillsUSA competition. A list of the winning competitors will be provided at our board meeting next week
5. Due to school cancellation the January 17th Negotiations Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, January 22nd at 3:30 p.m. to complete the Director Evaluation process. Recommendations from the Negotiations Committee will be shared in executive session at our upcoming board meeting.
6. The OSHA 10 hour certification classes will take place here at Region III next week, January 22, 2018 thru January 25, 2018. Approximately 50 students will be participating. This is an important certification to obtain as potential employers look to hire employees who have been involved in safety training.
7. Just want to mention that grant applications from the Gloria C. MacKenzie Foundation are available from January 1st thru March 1st of each year. We will be submitting several applications again this year for various projects throughout the school. Region III is very fortunate to have been awarded \$96,000 this year to purchase new equipment, software and hardware to enhance our program curriculums. To learn more visit their website at <http://GloriaCMacKenzieFoundation.com> or by phone at 855-810-3588 or 207-613-2998.

I look forward to meeting with all of you next week. ☺

