

Tech Prep Meeting Notes and Updates

May 11, 2010

Summer Camps/Programs:

Information on several summer camps and programs were shared with members. Camps included the Summer Academy at the Bay-Arenac ISD Career Center focusing on Academic Programs (Math and English) and Career & Technical Education Programs; Camp "Enginuity" focusing on alternative energy; The Construction and Technology Camp sponsored by MITECH+, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., and Delta College focusing on clean energy, automotive technology, CAD, carpentry, and welding.

The Great Lakes Bay Region Summer Institute will be held on June 14th through 17th, 2010. The focus for this year's Institute is Fuel Your Mind with Alternative Energy. Topics of the Institute will deal with economic development in the region, lithium batteries, electric cars, sustainability, solar cars, and wind energy. The lead instructor will be Jo Ellen Strieter. Another Institute the following week will "piggy-back" the previous week also focusing on alternative energy including energy audits. Kathy Conklin is the lead instructor. Saginaw Valley State University credits will be available for both Institutes.

County Updates:

Schools reported on the activities in their counties. They included Principal for a Day, county-wide school board meeting, Opportunity Connection-revamped website, job shadowing experience, and several student competitions.

TRAC Information/Update:

December 6, 2010 has been chosen as a tentative date for our TRAC review. All our partners will be brought in for the review. The grant piece will be audited. Program notebooks will need to be sent in early. The Saginaw contact is Jean Farrington, Midland is Penny Miller-Nelson, and Bay County is Linda Engelhardt. The State will visit sites if there are questions or concerns. There will be more to come as it becomes available.

Student Data:

The 2009 grad data has been sent back to the schools. A request was made to send the 2010 list of graduates to Pat Graves. The data needs to include the names and birthdays of the students.

2009-10 Budget and Reimbursement Status:

The 2009-10 budget revisions have been approved. Reimbursements are being processed. Members were asked to submit their reimbursements as soon as the activity occurs. It is important to notify Pat Graves if members have any budget changes.

2010-11 Budget Recommendation:

The following recommendation was made by D. Trombley and seconded by M. Jarosz: *It is the recommendation of the Management Team to start spending approved budget as of July 1, 2010 for allowable activities to support Tech Prep initiatives for 2010-2011. Funds not requested will be available for reallocation. Reimbursements will be submitted on an ongoing basis as activities occur. All financial reimbursements will be submitted by May 31, 2011.* The motion passed.

2010-11 budgets were distributed to members. The site budgets were rolled up one year. Whatever was in the existing year budget is now in the 2010-11 budget year. Members were asked to let us know if an allowable activity they would like to do was not in their budgets. Members were asked to let us know as soon as possible to give us time to modify the grant. Members were reminded that a new activity takes longer for approval. Please be sure on what you want to do before we submit the modifications to the State. Members were reminded that transportation is no longer an allowable cost.

Members were told if they had students that would like to attend a summer camp and they did not budget that amount, please let us know and we will put additional funds in the main partnership budget and pay the camp registration from that. It would be the school's responsibility to follow through to be sure that the student attended the camp. If the site budgeted for summer camps, please use that money first.

National Tech Prep Conference:

The National Tech Prep Conference will be held in Dallas, Texas on October 20-23, 2010. There are six spots available. Please notify Pat Graves if you are interested.

Next Meeting:

The next Tech Prep Management Team meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010.