



CTE Directors Meeting (Virtual)

March 17, 2021

10:30 a.m. – Noon

Notes

Attendance

Audra Peterson, Chair (Porter County)

Maren Lee (East Chicago)

Delincia Smith (AK Smith)

Lauren Dado (Hammond)

Michael Knocke (Merrillville)

Robert Phelps (Merrillville)

Shelly Martin (Gary)

Jess Horlacher (Indian Trails)

Tim Somers (Southlake)

Monique Larsen (guest presenter), Independent Electrical Contractors Midwest Chapter

CWI: Barb Grimsgard, Lisa Daugherty, Roy Vanderford/Nioka Clark (contract staff)

Discussion

I. Independent Electrical Contractors Training Programs (*Monique Larsen, Executive Director, Midwest IEC Chapter*)

- a. Over the course of 4 years, students will have over 500 hours of classroom study and over 8,000 on the job (OTJ) hours. At the end of the program, students earn a journeymen license with the US Dept of Labor.
- b. Pay scale is up to the members – there is no set amount.
- c. Lake, County, Porter, and Newton counties in Indiana
- d. Online program is available. They partner with IEC Utah for the online program.
- e. Partnership with Ivy Tech – IEC transfers 20 credits to building construction program at Ivy Tech. Have not yet partnered with high school programs but they want to in the future.
- f. Completing a program at their high school COULD result in the student earning more per hour during the IEC program (e.g., 12 per hour for no experience, 18 per hour for someone who completed a 2-year program at their high school).

- g. If you haven't received a public service announcement from IEC, please reach out to Monique to get it so you can post it.

II. La Kisha Hillard, K-14 Initiatives at Ivy Tech

- a. Valparaiso campus – covering Valparaiso & Michigan City
- b. No one has been hired yet for the Lake County, but coming soon
- c. She is new but expect to hear more from her soon (lhillard7@ivytech.edu, 219.476.47880)

III. Updates & Discussion Items (*Audra Peterson & Members*)

a. Legislation & contact with legislators

- Process with legislature continues to be confusing - legislators are responding by saying it was a “typo” in the legislation and there is no loss of funding.
- Continue to send letters and notes to keep legislators informed
- No loss of funding because they are taking funds from “less than moderate” programs and giving that money to other areas. However, the math proves this is not the case, and that funding is being lost.
 - Jess Horlacher created a spreadsheet for her schools that showed how much money the schools will lose with these changes.
 - If you have documentation to show how much money your schools will lose in less than moderate and gain in high wage, send it to your superintendents so they are aware.
 - Audra will send out a spreadsheet for everyone to fill out with info from the 30A so we can see the actual fiscal impact this will have on schools in northwest Indiana.

b. Impact of legislation on courses & students/Status of dual credits

- Course titles and standards released at the end of March
- Crosswalk released in April
- Webinars in April and May
- Pathways and capstone courses will be “under development” in Fall 2021
- Most schools are planning to use old curriculum for the 2021-2022 school year as it is a transition year

- Any student doing an internship, field experience, or school-based experiences (e.g., student run shops) – this is considered work-based learning. Make sure you are counting all these students as WBL.
- c. Failure rates of CTE students** – ongoing issue as it is with non-CTE students – will need to use summer creatively to address some of this.
- d. Ongoing series with construction trades**
 - Completed 10 sessions so far
 - 1400+ students have participated
 - 6 more sessions to go
 - Sessions can be found on the CWI, ReadyNWI, and WorkOne websites
 - Working on an instructors guide to go with the recorded sessions – serves as a springboard for class discussions, and will include comprehension questions to use as a check for understanding
 - Next CTE Directors meeting will provide more information about creating a virtual series for the healthcare pathway
 - Still working to expand this structure into work with healthcare sector

IV. Closing Comments & Adjournment

- a. Make sure you register for Brown County convening
 - Can be considered “administration” or “professional development” under Perkins
 - Make sure you get board approvals prior to June
 - Limited this year to CTE Directors only