



Highlights, October 19, 2023, Joint Operating Committee Meeting

The SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee, at their regular meeting held October 19, 2023, acted on the following items:

- ✓ Heard from Director, David Bacher:
 - ✓ The construction contracts have been vetted by Attorney Fanelli and have been signed and delivered. There have been two construction meetings held so far, with an anticipated start date for construction being the first week of November.
 - ✓ The Open House was successful, with approximately 400 guests attending.
 - ✓ SUN Tech held a professional development day for faculty of our 5 sending districts on October 9th. Those in attendance were able to visit and learn about all of the SUN Tech programs. Overall, feedback showed a positive response.
 - ✓ Candidates from both the Democratic and Republican parties that are running for office in our tri-county area were invited to attend a tour on October 11th. Three candidates attended, including two from Lewisburg and one from Mifflinburg.
 - ✓ Current recruitment efforts are being supported by more focused recruitment, by taking program instructors to provide small, detailed presentations to select groups of students at the districts. Selinsgrove hosted Mr. Yakamook, Mechatronics, and Mr. Anselmo, Precision Metalworking, this week.
 - ✓ JOC Representative's will need to be appointed from both the Mifflinburg and Shikellamy school districts for December 2023.
 - ✓ Occupational Advisory Committee meetings will be held on November 1, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
 - ✓ Student Recognition
 - Kyler Troup, HVAC/Mifflinburg, September Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary Student of the Month
 - Ryan Metta-Rogan, Auto Tech/Lewisburg, October Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary Student of the Month
 - Samantha Weaver, Health 201/Mifflinburg, Young American, September

- ✓ Heard from Superintendent of Record, Dr. Frank Jankowski:
 - ✓ The October 9th professional development day was considered successful by all of the superintendents that had faculty members attending. There was a consistent sentiment among all of the superintendents that there was direct value in the program that was offered at SUN.
 - ✓ All of the districts are making attempts to increase access and awareness for students about SUN Tech, in hopes to lead to more meaningful experiences for them when attending SUN.
 - ✓ Currently, the Commonwealth is operating without a budget. There will be some bills that are currently being reviewed which could have an impact for students should these be debated and approved.

- Approved the following personnel matters:
 - ✓ Approved student organization advisors for the 2023-24 school year as follows:

Organization	
Skills USA	Jamie Kotarski
Skills USA	Sarah Krebs
Health Occ. Students of America (HOSA)	Robin Harvey
Health Occ. Students of America (HOSA)	Kaylee Moser
Council of Presidents	Wendy Chalmers

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Yearbook Advisor	Chelsea Cook

- Approved the retirement resignation of Donald Gunther, Collision Repair Technology Instructor, effective May 22, 2024, and to advertise to fill the position as necessary.
- Approved to hire Corie Kline, Winfield, PA, as a substitute custodian.
- Approved the Occupational and Local Advisory Committee members for the 2023-24 SY.
- Approved the bid award for Surveillance Systems Enhancement, Phase 2, to Gettle, of Emigsville, PA.
- Approved the donation of assorted tractor trailer parts to Penn College.
- Approved the donation of a camera and DVR to Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- Approved the second reading and approval of the following SUN Tech policies:
 - ✓ 204 – Attendance
 - ✓ 221 – Dress and Grooming
 - ✓ 233 – Suspension and Expulsion
 - ✓ 336 – Personal Necessity Leave, Administrative Employees
 - ✓ 337 – Vacation, Administrative Employees
 - ✓ 436 – Personal Necessity Leave, Professional Employees
 - ✓ 536 – Personal Necessity Leave, Classified Employees
 - ✓ 537 – Vacation, Classified Employees