

REPORT OF THE SUPEINTENDENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION February 17, 2014

SOPHOMORE VISITATION

Although the weather caused major havoc with our original schedule for Sophomore Visitation, most of the 1,364 sophomore students from our partner schools and Goal Digital Academy visited Pioneer on January 30 and 31st. We seem to be getting use to weather delays, visits were rescheduled swiftly without a hitch with the last visit on Tuesday, February 11th.

In spite of all the weather issues and the fact that less than half the students had visited prior to our Open House on Thursday, January 30, it went very well with a nice number of potential students and their parents visiting our programs. As in the past, the staff has decided to have a Second Look Open House on February 25th from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm for those people who did not have a chance to visit or who would like to make another visit.

This is our fifth year for on-line registration which continues to be very successful. Students are able to immediately register on-line during their visit, at the Open House or as soon as they returned home or to their schools. Currently, we have over 600 students registered which is about the same as last year even though we are recruiting from a smaller sophomore class. I cannot commend Student Services Department, our staff and students enough for their hard work and a job well done!

WEATHER

The weather has certainly disrupted education this year! So far this school year, we have had 9 (nine) two – hour delays and 8 (eight) snow days. We now have used all our snow days granted by the state and our three (3) Blizzard Bags. If the legislators do not grant the extension for additional snow days we will add days onto the end of our calendar. I have included below a chart that shows the dates of the delays and snow days:

Pioneer Career and Technology Center Delays and Closures

2013 – 2014		
Date	2 Hour Delay	Closure
11/12/13	X	
12/09/13	X	
12/17/13	X	
1/06/14		X
1/7/14		X
1/8/14		X
1/10/14	X	
1/21/14	X	
1/22/14	X	
1/23/14	X	
1/24/14		X

Date	2 Hour Delay	Closure
1/27/14		X
1/28/14		X
1/29/14		X
2/05/14		X
2/06/14	X	
2/07/14	X	
TOTAL	9	8

LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR

The Ohio Association for Career-Technical and Adult Education (ACTE) hosted the annual legislative seminar in Columbus on January 22 and 23, 2014. Greg Nickoli, Linda Schumacher, Martin Dzigan, Dennis Leader and I had great visits with Representative Mark Romanchuk, Representative Jeff McClain, Senator Dave Burke and Senator Larry Obhof's aide. They all were very supportive of Career Technical Education and our district. They understand the economic impact that Career and Technical Education has on the economy.

OSBA CENTRAL REGION MEETING

The 2014 OSBA Central Region Spring Conference will be held Wednesday, March 19 at Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center in Columbus.

The conference will begin with a Social Hour at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm. and program and keynote speaker at 7:00 pm. The keynote speaker has not been announced.

RICHLAND COUNTY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW

Doug Theaker has graciously agreed to serve as Pioneer representative on the Richland County Tax Incentive Review Council. Doug has served in this capacity for us for several years.

CAREER TECHNICAL MONTH

The theme for this months' National Career-Technical Month is CTE – *Celebrate CTE Superheroes!* Katie Stone, Job Leads Coordinator has planned several activities this month to celebrate Career – Technical Education. Activities this year will include Muffins for Moms and Donuts for Dads from 7:30-8:15 on Friday, February 28th in the Pioneer Community Room. Parents will enjoy a continental breakfast with their son/daughter then had an opportunity to visit their students' lab and take a tour of Pioneer. There are several other activities such as, press releases, and on February 25 a Second Look Open House.

PIONEER'S RALPH PHILLIPS' BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD DINNER

The Ralph Phillips' Business Partner of the Year Award Dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 6:00 pm in the Pioneer Cafeteria. This award was started in 2006 to honor those business partners that have greatly contributed and supported Pioneer and our students. Our first recipient was Ralph Phillips, owner and president of Phillips Manufacturing. Each year the partner is selected on their commitment to education; support and participation in mentoring, job shadowing, Career Technical Student Organizations, field trips and community projects; service on Pioneer committees;

financial support; advancement of Pioneer levies; hiring of Pioneer students; and utilization of Pioneer training opportunities.

This year's very deserving Ralph Phillips' Business Partner of the Year is Kevin Fraley, Brian Wurm, Jerry Tuttle and Ed Alt from MTD Products. These gentlemen through MTD Products have been very supportive of Pioneer at the secondary and adult level. We will also recognize the nominees at the dinner. The nominees have also made significant contributions to Pioneer and our students.

ALL BOARD MEMBER-ADMINISTRATIVE DINNER

Our Annual Administrator-Board Member Dinner will be held this year on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:00 pm with the dinner starting at 6:30 pm in the Pioneer cafeteria.

PERSONNEL

We are asking the Board to approve three year contracts for both, Linda Schumacher and me. The Board must make the appointment of the superintendent and treasurer by the first day of May of the calendar year in which the terms of the contracts expire. We have decided to bring the re-appointments to the Board in February because of the conflict in the law that states: "if the board does not wish to re-employ the superintendent or treasurer, they must give written notice by March 1st".

All other personnel items are common for this time of year.