

Moraine Area Career System

CAC Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2022

Present: **218** – Frank LaMantia, Mary Kate Farnan, Maggie Sekula, Shirley Bennett, Lindsey Mikols, Linda Otey; **220** – Sarah Schultz, Alicia Romig; **229** – Derek Sefcik, Kelly Kenny; **230** – Tammy O’Malley, Jim Malec, John Tadla, Margaret Deyerler; **231** - Eileen Durkin; **MVCC** – LoShay Willis, Ryen Nagle, Tamekia Smith, Panos Hadjimitsos, Debi Savage, JoAnn Jenkins, Lauren Zajac, Iva Erkapic, Scott DeWitt, Tracy Jones, Steve Pappageorge, Andy Sarata, Corinne Johnston; **MACS** – Suzanne Kendryna, Michelle Cognetti; **CAIC** – Craig Schmidt

Next meeting: April 26, 2022 via Zoom

1. MACS is collaborating with CISCO, the Carpenters’ Union, CAIC, and Kankakee Community College (KCC) on the March 10th Virtual Trades Expo. There will be three 20-minute breakout sessions, students can join late and leave early to fit their class schedule. Sessions will be recorded and posted on the MACS website. KCC is coordinating registration through Event-Brite and rsvp information will be shared via email.
2. Suzanne Kendryna shared the final version of the MACS Regional Career Guide and high schools discussed how the guide will be utilized in their buildings - posted on school websites, used during 8th grade step-up days, in google classrooms by grade-level, in workrooms/homerooms by teachers and/or counselors, during student registration and course selection workshops, linked in school canvas courses, etc.
3. Kelly Kenny highlighted expanded options of SeamlessWBL – specifically the ability to connect with PowerSchool, Skyward, etc. Suzanne Kendryna asked counselors to share contacts for inclusion in SeamlessWBL to build a regional partner database. Suzanne will look into coordinating SeamlessWBL overview training at the 4/26 CAC meeting, along with Kelly Kenny sharing the OLCCHS perspective.
4. MACS will continue planning/coordinating virtual career exploration events for the next school year – Health Care Career Fair, OAI Manufacturing Day, Trades Expo. In addition, MACS will look to add back the First Responders Career Day as an in-person event if MVCC permits in-person events at that time.
5. LoShay Willis opened dialogue about the BNAT Dual Enrollment program to address recent student issues/concerns. Some high school students were not aware that information was being communicated through their MVCC student email account and missed key program requirements (covid vaccination, social security card, etc.). Also discussed was communication regarding the IDPH contact-hour requirements and ways to address student conflicts. If a student needs to request a

specific clinical day or an excused missed lecture (due to AP testing), those requests need to be submitted to MVCC at a minimum of 4-6 weeks before the course begins. HS Counselors asked if they could receive a copy of any MVCC dual enrollment correspondence that is emailed to high school students to assist them with following up and making sure students are completing the necessary paperwork. Lauren Zajac shared a dual enrollment “due date” timeline and student checklist to assist with the dual enrollment process. These items will be placed on the MACS website. Due to time, the Medical Terminology dual enrollment discussion was moved to the April 26th CAC meeting.

6. Craig Schmidt (CAIC) and Steve Pappageorge (MVCC) reminded counselors about the One Workforce Grant opportunity and stressed that this program is perfect for May graduates who may not have college plans. There is a possibility that students could start this summer versus waiting for the fall. Tuition and books are paid as long as a student enrolls in an eligible program. Contact Craig Schmidt or Andy Sarata for more information.
7. Tracy Jones, MVCC Bridge to Success Coordinator, highlighted the Bridge to MVCC Program – students can earn up to two free courses, build a sense of community, and develop a seamless transition to Moraine. The program is open to high school seniors looking for assistance with transitioning to MVCC in the fall.
8. Open discussion on which high schools are offering dual enrollment credit on high school transcripts. **218** is offering ½ high school credit for every 3 credit hours at MVCC. **229** offers 2 full credits – BNAT/EMT career course (additional assignments/career coursework required at high school) and WLD/HVAC (students must maintain employment)
9. Next meeting April 26th.