

September 2020

A report from the September 2020 meeting of EASTERN's Joint Operating Committee. EASTERN is a part of the school districts of Abington, Bryn Athyn, Cheltenham, Hatboro-Horsham, Jenkintown, Lower Moreland, Springfield, Upper Dublin, and Upper Moreland.

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Joint Committee Meeting
Seminar Room 8 PM

October 14, 2020
November 11, 2020
December 9, 2020
January 13, 2021
February 10, 2021
March 10, 2021
April 14, 2021
May 12, 2021
June 16, 2021

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A New Kind of Start to the School Year

EASTERN welcomed all new students and returning students virtually on September 9. Although the start to this year looks different compared to past years, our teachers and staff are ready to make this a great year. A minimum of three days per week, EASTERN instructors will be teaching from their classrooms, so that they can demonstrate hands-on technical skills using our tools, equipment, supplies and space.

We look forward to collaborating with our EASTERN community this year as we continue to navigate these uncertain times and challenge ourselves to stretch and learn new ways to teach and work. We have taken advantage of this time to make some important upgrades to our building. Some recent improvements include a new Robotics and Automated Technology program, a more modern color scheme throughout the hallways, new flooring, hands-free faucets, sanitizing stations, and refillable water bottle stations.

We are all in this together and we are looking forward to the year ahead with positivity and determination. All Health and Safety Plan updates will be posted on our website at www.eastech.org.

Summer Cosmetology

The Summer Cosmetology program was held August 24 through September 4, 2020 with a total of 23 students enrolled. The program was comprised of two sessions consisting of two AM classes and two PM classes.

"This year, five seniors completed the 1,250 cosmetology hours required for licensure in PA. We were fortunate to be able to offer 250 hours for online learning and 70 hours of Summer Cosmetology to ensure our students had access to the hours they would have received had the pandemic not happened," said Wendy Leyden, EASTERN Cosmetology Instructor. "I am extremely proud of their dedication to this class and to their futures."

Cosmetology instruction hours will also be offered during two In-Service days if in-person instruction is allowable: February 12, 2021, and May 18, 2021.

Practical Nursing Graduation

Practical Nursing Class #148 graduated on August 27, 2020, but no graduation ceremony was held due to pandemic large gathering restrictions.

Practical Nursing Affiliation Agreement

The Joint Operating Committee approved an affiliation agreement between EASTERN’s Practical Nursing program and Tower Health Urgent Care for the 2020 – 2021 school year, allowing Practical Nursing students supplement clinical training in the Urgent Care setting.

First Reading for Policies Approved

The Joint Operating Committee approved the first reading of the following policies:

- Policy A106, *Meetings*
- Policy DP C111, *Attendance*
- Policy DP C122, *Child Abuse Procedures*
- Policy DP C130, *Bullying and Other Harassment*
- Policy DP C137, *Anti-Hazing*
- Policy DP G109, *Purchases Subject to Bid*
- Policy DPs G130, *Federal Fiscal Compliance*

Grants Approved for Implementation

The Joint Operating Committee approved the implementation of the PCCD Health and Safety Grant for \$90,000 and the Continuity of Education for Career and Technical Centers Grant for \$97,201. These funds will be used to assist with COVID-19 based upgrades to the facility, such as refillable water stations, hand sanitizing stations, automatic faucets, and a new isolation room in a new nurse’s suite.

COVID-19 Work-Based Education Plan

The Joint Operating Committee approved cooperative education (work-based learning) for students during the 2020 – 2021 school year and approved the parental consent form and release.

Enrollment

September 9, 2020 enrollment is 601, with waitlists in Allied Health, Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Electrical Technology, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Veterinary Science, and Welding Technology.

Currently, there are still openings available in Business and Technology Professional, Commercial Art, Collision Repair Technology, Culinary Arts, Networking and Cybersecurity, Protective Services, and Robotics and Automated Technology.

Substitute Instructors Approved

The following Substitute Instructors were approved for the 2020 – 2021 School Year:

- David Parke – Protective Services
- Florence-Jackson Farmer - Cosmetology

College Technology Intern Approved

Connor Markegene was approved as the College Technology Intern for the 2020 – 2021 school year. Connor is a 2019 graduate of Lower Moreland High School and EASTERN’s Networking and Cybersecurity program (formerly Computer Network Administration). He currently attends Penn State Abington with hopes to transfer to main campus next year through their 2+2 program.

EASTERN Foundation

The EASTERN Foundation has one reason for existing – to encourage students in their pursuit of career ambitions that were developed and strengthened by attending EASTERN.

The Foundation rewards student success and achievement through scholarships and awards which are presented in May at our Annual Awards Night. Listed below is a small sample of the many awards provided:

- High Achievement – An outstanding student from each of EASTERN’s 14 secondary programs receives this award to be used to purchase tools of the trade or to help pay for post-secondary education.
- Foundation Award – Four awards to two outstanding seniors, and two outstanding juniors or seniors are presented each year.
- Directors Award – Two juniors who show potential for leadership are chosen each year to receive this award.
- Practical Nursing – Awards are presented to the student in each graduating class with the highest GPA, and the student with exceptional abilities in clinical and theory.

Your contributions are tax deductible and will help us to expand our awards program. Online contributions can be made here – <https://www.eastech.org/foundation/donate/>