

Career Tech Matters

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Pickaway-Ross isn't just for high school students and adult learners.



Our building also serves as a place for professional development and last week, many of my fellow superintendents in Pickaway and Ross counties visited our campus for the Pickaway-Ross Career Technical Planning District Superintendents Meeting.

The meeting provided an opportunity for updates on several areas that affect county superintendents, as well as time to network and catch up.

Updates were provided by SCOCA Executive Director Shawn Clemmons and Pickaway-Ross staff members.

Shay Steel from Guidance talked about the changes that were implemented with sophomore tours this year and our revision of New Student Welcome days, taking place March 31 and April 1. Linda Trimmer from Off-Campus Programs talked about the new satellite programs that will start in the fall and Dana Anderson and Shara Cochenour provided updates on secondary education attendance, our 2013-14 Report Card, the discipline report and OGT.

Carrie Fife talked about the new adult diploma program that Pickaway-Ross Adult Education is overseeing in collaboration with four other institutions.

I closed out the updates by discussing potential changes to Pickaway-Ross' 2015-16 school calendar and providing information on middle school career-tech programming.

Kirk McMahon, superintendent for Circleville City Schools, said attending meetings such as this



Junior Austin Parker tells a breakout group of superintendents about the Machining program during one of the lab tours last week.

are always informative and a nice way to catch up with colleagues who are facing similar issues every day.

Last week's meeting also included tours of our labs and for Robin Halley, who is in his first year as superintendent at Teays Valley Local Schools, visiting Pickaway-Ross for the first time was educational.

"Pickaway-Ross has great programs and students really have more opportunities than ever before," Robin said after the visit.

Kirk, who has been on our campus many times, agrees that our students are great representatives of what we can do at Pickaway-Ross.

"It always amazes me how well the students can communicate their knowledge in their field of study. Also, the students are so excited to be part of a school and educational program that excites them!"

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