

ATECH GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2016

1. WELCOME:

Present: Jared, Bailin, Katy Kornowske, Jerry Clish, Tim McKeag, Paul Lindberg, Chris Linn, Steve Haas, Phil Sabee and Greg Hartjes

Unable to attend: Steve Straub

2. VOTE ON BOARD ADDITION:

Discussion: Concern expressed-conflict with being on Appleton Education Board? No real answer from administration regarding that concern. Enthusiastic, Chris met with Tim and colleague, felt that Tim was ready to jump in.

Tim McKeag-voted as new board member- unanimously

Motion: Jerry

2nd Chris Linn

3. OLD BUSINESS:

Correction made to minutes, should have read Community Partnership, vs. Committee Partnership, revised.

Leadership team will be hosting ATECH open house on 4/28/16. Invitees: community supporters, school board members, governance board members, parents, students. It was mentioned again that the Leadership team had mentioned trying to host event to cover part of school day and evening.

Teacher Assistance still being determined.

A-Z will be supplying an employee, 2x month to serve as an assistant. Also Jerry Clish volunteered as well. Tech volunteers not available at this time. Phil Sabee from Miller Electric will look into having employees come to help too.

Paul is still working on CTE grants.

Motion to approve minutes:

Tim McKeag,

2nd Steve Haas

NEW BUSINESS:

President Report-Jared

Wants to fine tune teacher assistant program. Jared attended Marketing Committee meeting, impressed with large amount of ideas and strategies.

BUDGET REPORT:

New report distributed, not a lot of expenditures to date. ATECH owes West budget, \$460 for transportation of ATECH students to Milwaukee Trade Show.

Explained budget, a bit difficult to understand as the way the budget was set up for the present school year, as it had a zero balance. So Greg needed to move funds to different accounts. Supplies needed for instruction only is purchased through credit card. Paul will make copy of credit card expenses and present at next board meeting. He also stated that the \$2000 engineering grant will reimburse budget. At the present time that money is in the "Activity account".

Suggestion made by Chris to put information in an Excel spread sheet to be able to understand the account activities better.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Steve H, Jared, Greg and Tim

Looking to get overall, complete picture. Sources and use of funds, 3-5 year window, financial sustainability, Capital purchases, new machines.

Galloway to donate \$1000, however wants to donate for a particular purpose, as they want to "buy something". Committee to make suggestions.

CMD to donate \$500 as well.

The positive of the activity account, still to be renamed, provides better ability to track expenses not categorized in district account.

Jared spoke about the desire to start an ATECH Scholarship Fund for ATECH students bound for FVTC. Specific guidelines for the scholarship would be determined by the grantor. Eagle Plastics would like to donate to this program.

This could make it easier for companies to understand, with their desire to donate, giving more specifics to potential donors. Greg explained that the scholarship award check would be provided by the business secretary at Appleton West when enrollment/grades verified.

Suggested a onetime gift, verses over several years. The committee would decide on scholarship parameters: set up criteria, credits and good standing requirements to determine the recipient.

Consideration should be made that FVTC does offer scholarships for some programs, but not others. Greg will bring a scholarship form to next meeting to discuss.

MARKETING/STUDENT RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE:

What are we doing for businesses? Student recruitment more complex, parents, students, counselors. Leadership team member Kari Meixl is looking into a donor wall, working with Fast Signs and will strategize with Paul for location at West, ATECH wing etc.

Current students and recent grads to reach out to middle school students. Paul mentioned that former grads stopping to speak with current students, have a BIG IMPACT!

Next committee meeting is on 2/11/16 at Eagle Graphics, goal: create outline of how to reach each group involved in recruitment.

Phil mentioned Skill USA promotes grades, looks into why students make their decisions.

Chris suggested to have a pizza party with potential and former students to hear of their experiences first hand. Successes etc....

Also spoke about offering a “boot camp”, perhaps after school or during the summer, once a week, for 3 weeks. Peer to peer interaction positive role model.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE:

Steve, Jerry, Wes and Phil

Chris Weaver, non-board member.

Katy expressed concerns as a parent of a student who has struggles and concerns. Peer influence of impression of difficult classes. How to make up for that so able to still graduate under ATECH and WEST requirements. Paul assured her that they work on adapting schedules to students, helping them to succeed, in preparing class schedules and offerings. Fine Arts credit, for example=drafting etc. ATECH counselor, Mr. Jon Meidam, met with each of the classes to answer questions and concerns of class schedules. Spoke about splitting up classes to accommodate students, freshmen vs. senior big difference. Suggested asking for parent input. Struggles, studies have shown the male and female student’s brain, mature at a different rate. Extra-Curricular activities very important for development as they offer life lessons. Spoke about having students sit with board members at some point.

Life Skills class. Greg is looking into Little Chute Charter School as they offer class on work ethic etc.

Businesses are trying to recruit students’ right out of high school vs. attending FVTC, offering high wages for good math and problem solving skills. Companies are looking for difference skill sets.

Spoke about promoting youth apprenticeships.

Companies interested in getting involved with ATECH want to get ahead of what Greg sees as the immediate needs and goals of ATECH. Bemis and Miron would like to see more offered in the construction side of things.

Strategic planning will help edit what to do.

Discussion about FVTC retaining students. Question arose testing kids as they graduate from the ATECH program. Will need to track kids leaving ATECH and moving on to FVTC.

FVTC is very pleased with ATECH graduates.

STUDENT RECRUITING-Paul

2/16/16 Open house for new registered students. Also will offer meetings in late March and April or May.

Greg met with middle school counselors. Getting good promotion for ATECH through Wilson, still trying to promote more at other middle schools.

Suggestion made for pizza party for middle schoolers to promote interest. Greg also looks at West students with high math grades to promote strong candidates for ATECH. Difficulty in reaching students at North and East. Paul will be going to visit those schools.

15 seniors graduating from program this year. Will also lose a few students due to poor grades etc.

2014-2015 enrollment-58

2015-2016 enrollment-78

School districts rising to new challenges facing students. Trying to be proactive. Menasha has approx. 30-35% of their students go on to FVTC, Appleton 12%

FTGOTG:

Next advisory meeting-April

Questions asked how are students doing in program, Paul stated some are blooming, some are struggling. Freshman and Sophomore class especially. ATECH is not a good program to try and "save the kids"! Greater need for quality perhaps not quantity of students as they have to have interest. Hard to promote to employers if not showing drive. Leaders are emerging in classes, fun to see. Need to be motivated and encouraged.

Tim Meyer fund-\$4600 for equipment only. Needs to be spent to receive more money. Paul suggested a Bender machine, hydraulic, cost \$5600. \$1000 would be the ATECH budget portion. Would tie into existing equipment Greg suggested getting Steve S. opinion. Idea tabled until next meeting. Chris suggested a project for students, that they do some research, cost justification, how it will help the program, what benefit, etc. Then the students would make a presentation to the board. Suggestion also made that this idea could be used if the students have a new idea/desire for the ATECH program, new machine or new offering etc.

Motion to adjourn:

Tim

2ND Jerry

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bunge

ATECH Secretary