

Minutes

A-TECH GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2017
4:30pm
APPLETON WEST HIGH SCHOOL-RM 136

MISSION

The Appleton Technical Academy graduates students who possess the knowledge and skill necessary for successful entry into the career pathways of modern advanced manufacturing.

In Attendance: Mark McQuade, Jerry Clish, Steve Haas, Chris Linn, Wes Fietzer, Steve Meyer

1. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Approval of previous minutes: MM Jerry Clish, seconded by Chris Linn to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Principal Report: Mark McQuade reported that the Haas CNC mini-mill has been ordered in is due to arrive in January of 2018. Staff training will take place over the second semester and into the summer, and students will begin to use the mill in Fall of 2018. Haas has been fully funded thanks in large part to the marketing efforts of Chris Linn and a generous donation from Eagle Performance Plastics under the leadership of Jared Bailin. We will look to the business advisory board, which will meet on 12/21 for advice on our next funding project, which will likely be in the automation area. Business advisory board meeting will focus on feedback on career and life skills currently being implemented and feedback on our automation fields. Current budget numbers were handed out. Negative carry-over balance was explained. Budget remains in good shape, especially due to the funding success of the Haas mill. Recruiting is underway with visits to middle schools and the formation of a summer camp. Summer camp will have a culminating day in which parents will be invited to see projects, tour local manufacturing businesses, and have

lunch. (Chris Linn mentioned writing a smaller Bemis grant to help cover cost of bussing for tour). This year's summer camp will focus on middle schools, and we will add camps for younger levels depending on success of this camp. Reaching out to Bay Lakes Scouts is another strategy. (Steve M will make an introduction to set up a meeting).

b. Marketing/Student recruitment: Chris Linn

Chris has enlisted another member, Keegan O'Brien, and he is working on getting additional members with the goal of having people ready by the first of 2018.

Reprints of the IOM article were ordered through Inside Publications, which will be selling us a PDF of the article in two formats: 4-page and 4 separate pages, along with 50-100 hard copies of the 4 page folding document. (Steve M mentioned sending the article to his listserv to increase exposure.)

January 18th, CMD corp will meet with Paul and Mark to discuss working w/ our students to create a project that shows some of what CMD does. This may be a capstone project for our seniors or another select group of students working w/ their engineers; it will be a basic scaled working model.

With regard to the Haas coming Chris suggested that we have an event w/ an open house, introduce to community, thank our community, do some recruiting around it (Steve M mentioned Watertown who had a similar event...their kids did a give-away as part of the event.)

Camp is in place for this summer, first week in August.

(Wes mentioned an explorer program as a potential marketing idea.)

c. Curriculum: Steve Meyer

Steve is finishing up Pathways grant. Mark wrote a letter of support. Grant pays for dual credit enrollment, partnership w/ instructors. Steve wrote into this year's grant a dual enrollment enhancement and is hoping to have a "wiz bang" project that is more engaging for the HS students. He envisions getting 4 schools and developing concurrent engineering project where each school makes a part of a project, then FVTC would bring all kids to the Tech for a collaboration day, do some work there, assembly, etc. Steve reiterated from the last meeting that automation curriculum is sorely needed at 8, 9, 10 level as the number one thing needed in many places is automation and control employees.

Steve would like 8 modules to train teachers on activities which would have a different company as a sponsor for each module, hopefully funded by the company. Steve reiterated from the last meeting that the WTEA

conference is in the Dells this spring and added that July 23rd-27th FVTC/ UW-Stout will be having fab lab best teaching practices conference.

- d. Budget & Finance: Steve Haas. Nothing to add beyond principal's report of budget.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Summer camp opportunities updated in principal's report and marketing.
- b. FTGOTG

Discussion about having manufacturing open houses to get parents into companies to see what things look like. Chris talked about doing a pilot, perhaps w/ Pierce to showcase how an A-Tech education helps prepare students for a potential career. Steve M. will make an introduction to Chad Kleist, new workforce development person at Pierce.

4. MOTION TO ADJORN

Adjournment: MM by Chris Linn, seconded by Steve Haas. Motion carried unanimously.