

A-TECH GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

1. OPENING REMARKS:

Present:

Jared Balin, Greg Hartjes, Chris Linn, Wes Fietzer, Jerry Clish, Steve Staub, Phil Sabee, Paul Lindberg

Unable to attend:

Katy Kornowske

Tim McKeag (advisor to the board)

Steve Haas

2. OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to approve minutes: Wes Fietzer

2nd: Chris Linn

Continue to search for a new board member, Greg to follow up with Brittany at Faith Technologies. Paul to follow up with A to Z connection-Carrie Kristoff
HR representative from a manufacturing business preferred.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) **Principal report:** Greg

69 current A-Tech students, although some students have left for various reasons, A-Tech remains the largest technical high school in the N.E.W. region. Greg was pleased to announce that there are some great new students this year, including 2 more girls in the program.

Working toward having an area of focus in the afternoon, which seems to be working well:

-welding

-machining

-IT

Health class is now being offered through A-Tech for 10th and 11th graders. Safety is a key component. Health teacher would like to arrange to have 4 "Safety Directors" from local manufacturing groups to come to speak with the students. They would each focus on different areas of safety. Board members to continue to look for sources.

Greg gave field experience handout. Students will have the opportunity to attend one field experience every quarter of the school year. See attached.

Q Comp- assemble robots/human sized, waiting to robot to be completed-IT students to visit in future.

Manufacturers Expo-

22 students to attend, students will be divided into groups upon arrival. Bus cost for field experiences range from \$70-\$113. More reasonable than Greg had initially thought.

Discussion on the board for businesses to help cover transportation expenses. Greg to contact Ann at NEWMA. Also grant money may be available. It was mentioned that Bemis Foundation (Kim Wetzel) has grant opportunities. Also FVTC will offer to reimburse for travel expense to their events as well.

Discussion about the difficulty for Miron to be a partner involved with A-Tech as they rely on unions to supply their workers.

In the past, Paul met with TESLA (East High School) to see how the programs might have the opportunity to work together ie: A-Tech students using blueprints from TESLA. Greg to follow up.

Plans are being made to help Seniors improve their communication skills, therefore making better graduates. Appleton West teacher, Mrs. Steph Gorges, is arranging for students to go out into the community, offering volunteer hours. Jared mentioned that Eagle Supplies and Plastics would be interested in being a part of this program.

b) Marketing/student recruitment: Chris Linn

A breakfast meeting is scheduled with the middle school counselors to have the opportunity to speak with them about the A-Tech program, to help encourage students to consider the A-Tech program.

The committee is creating a student profile- "info graphic" to outline what makes an ideal A-Tech student: "A Successful A-Tech student will....."

A FAQ document is being created as well.

Will also outline class schedule and field experiences offered. Making a resource packet to find students who fit the A-Tech profile.

Spoke about the Strategic Planning session that took place this past summer with the board members. Business partners-break into three levels-to maximize A-Tech support.

c) Curriculum: Steve Straub

Math-Greg to review

Loren-PLC I- "Rockwell Line" hopefully will be adopted by November. Trying to get more in line with technical school math. FVTC will pay for equipment and training for Appleton West Instructors in June.

"Concepts of programming", October 12, late start at AWHS, FVTC to work with teachers. Starting to send instructors to businesses to confirm what is important in the industry for our students as they graduate.

Deciding what should be on A-Tech website: sequence of classes-year. Greg to work with Steph Gorges (IT consultant at West) to update curriculum page. Working to get this in line for next year.

d) Community Partnerships: Tim McKeag

Tim McKeag will look over business contact list to review and will give input on what companies to focus contact with.

A-Tech will have a booth at NEWMA-Manufacturing First Expo. Some A-Tech students will attend, there will be activities as well as speakers.

e) Budget and finance: Steve Haas.

Greg spoke on this committees behalf, the budget information will be available in October. There will be carryover from last year. Greg spoke to the district regarding an increase of allotted budget numbers.

4) NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration to purchase a van, not a current item of discussion as AASD only allows a ten passenger van, and this would not help with transporting students as numbers would be greater and it is believed that the bus transportation costs were not as great as first anticipated.

Thank you notes have been written by A-Tech students for past field experiences and the thank you notes have been well received.

Overhead costs: Steve Haas would like to know the machine life cost. Would like to make a plan for future replacement costs. Phil Saabe will work with A-Tech to make those determinations.

Steph Gorges to receive minutes of meeting to place on Appleton West website. Dates of board meeting will be listed on website as well.

Discussion about “where to store A-Tech minutes” for accessibility to board members, cloud? etc

Next meeting with include updates on Strategic Planing meeting ideas.

5) Motion to adjourn: Chris Linn
2nd: Wes Fietzer