

**Minutes for A-Tech Governance Board Meeting
September 23, 2015
West Tech Center 4PM**

In attendance:

Steve Straub, Chris Linn, Wes Fietzer, Jerry Clish, Paul Lindberg, Phil Sabee,
Steve Haas, Greg Hartjes

Unable to attend:

Katy Kornowske, Jared Balin

1. **Welcome and introductions**: New board member: Steve Haas,
New Secretary: Linda Bunge

2. **Old Business**: Minutes reviewed from August 12, 2015 meeting

3. **New Business**:

Start of the School year- Paul

A TECH Field Experiences 2015-2016 paper discussed:

Juniors to attend FVTC Careers In Manufacturing on September 30, 2015. Seniors have previously attended. No cost to students.

October 2nd-Miller tour 9th-11th grade students to attend

October 8th-Milwaukee Tool Show (18 students attending)

October 22-Freshman to FVTC AND Grades 10-12 to NEW Manufacturing Alliance.

Only 8 schools invited-honor to be able to attend

Structured setting exhibits on floor with guest speakers.

Chris Linn to host booth representing ATECH at the NEW Manufacturing Alliance show.

2015-2016 School year off to a positive start.

Students 11& 12 to beginning to focus on particular area of interest. Each student given basic information to:

-milling

-lathe

-welding

-machining

Good flavor of variety offered. Gives students overall understanding:
results/cause/affect, students applying processes.

Time clock purchased for students to log in work hours for projects.

Paul still needs to adjust students schedules to compensate for special needs students as well as student's with credit deficiencies for graduation.

A TECH department teacher's schedules are as follows:

5 class hours

1 class hour available to provide student support.

All instructors scheduled for lunch break over 5th hour. Gives them the opportunity to collaborate as a department.

Instructor expertise is as follows:

Bob-welding

Paul-machining

Loren-drafting and robotics

Paul is currently taking a class on blueprint welding for machine tool class. 10 high schools represented in that program!

4. **Budget update**-Greg

District allotted only \$6000 for the ATECH program. Greg is speaking with Don Hietpas, CFO for AASD, as the percentage rate per student is much less than for a West or Renaissance student. Concerns expressed if the district considers the differences of "consumables" used for this program versus a traditional Math class for instance.

Transportation is a concern \$440 for state fair, \$100 to go to FVTC, \$100 to Green Bay for example. Greg considered purchasing a van to use for school business with original grant money, but the district would not allow that purchase. It was suggest that perhaps business could offer to pay for transportation, such as FVTC in the future, to help offset expenses.

Fabtech- Trade show At McCormick Center in Chicago. Paul would like to attend. Board approved. Time would be well spent in keeping current on new technologies. Will send two representatives to collaborate. Suggested looking at schedule of events to utilize time wisely and efficiently. Will also look into car pooling with another manufacturer to cut down on expenses.

Will look into Loren attending automated show. Werner Electric may know about this.

Alan Staedt Scholarship Alan is a former West student. He is offering 2-\$1000 scholarships for students pursuing FVC degree.

Donations received:

\$3000 Eagle Graphics

\$1000 Fox Community Credit Union

Business partnership update

Greg declined Neenah Foundry's interest in internships, wants to stay with the mission of the ATECH program.

Sending link to board members of Goggle doc of Business Partner Support. Requested to "clean up status" on chart regarding follow up visits.

Contact person?

Date?

Results?

Question raised.....how far to spread our students out physically due to transportation needs?

Some companies that have expressed interest in internships are:

Muza Sheet Metal/Oshkosh

company in Marion

New Holstein company

Innovating Machining-4 internships

Werner Electric

Miller-HR Depart_ Approving job shadow opportunities

Suggested that the board needs to see that these companies are supporting the ATECH program as well.

Still working on having students complete their resumes and cover letters. Two students almost ready.

It was suggested that Paul make a list of supplies needed for welding and forward that information to Phil at Miller. He may be able to help out in providing some materials.

6. District Charter meeting to be held on thursday October 1, 2015 4-5 PM Community room. Representatives from ATECH. Greg and one member from the Governance Board. Contact Greg if you would be interesting in attending. First to respond will be chosen. State law changes will be discussed for charter schools.
7. Advisory committee to meet 2 times per year, October and April. They will discuss trends, technology and hiring processes. As mentioned prior, Scott Asher and Brian Bachman will be new advisory committee members. Others are being contacted if they would be interested, Sure Manufacturing in Greenville and Rollie Stephenson. are among those who have expressed interest. Please advise Greg if you know of anyone else that might be a great addition to the committee.

Machine tool Math group...sub committee of curriculum...Wes and Jerry to coordinate system. Math taught differently than high school Math, it makes Math relative. For the October 29th district staff development, it was discussed that perhaps Loren and Jason might be able to go visit business to learn how math is being used in the manufacturing structure. Internships will help to bring everything together. Greg discussed talking to Math teachers to discuss compounds.

8. Clarify committee expectations: tabled for discussion at next board meeting as Jared should lead that discussion.

9. Other

October 21st meeting conflicts with NEW Manufacturing dinner. Will come up with an alternate date.

Discussed the possibility of ATECH students going to speak with 8th graders to create interest in pursuing ATECH for their high school choice.