

NEW Manufacturing Alliance
TECH ED TEACHER SOLUTIONS MEETING NOTES
NWTC – Green Bay, WI
August 8, 2017
Minutes

Attendees: Michael Beeth, Andy Bushmaker, Joe Ciontea, Joe Draves, Mike Friis, Corey Hansen, Andy Rinke, and Ann Franz

Topic 1: Updates from technical colleges and UWO regarding courses/degree programs

Mike shared that a notice of intent was sent to the UW Chancellors regarding the 4 year Technology Education degree program. After comment, a letter of intent will be sent to the Deans, most likely end of August. He is hopeful that the new degree program could start as soon as fall 2018. Joe Draves shared that he will be utilizing the course work determined by FVTC and UWO that is transferable for the 2 + 2 program.

Topic 2: Connecting schools with the Alliance's grant opportunity

Mike shared that 5 Alliance scholarships have been used. It was suggested that all of the tech college K-12 coordinators be contacted about the Alliance's scholarship opportunity.

Topic 3: Pilot manufacturers donating an employee to team teach

At this time, Green Bay Area Public Schools does not need a team teacher. Lori and Mike shared that most likely the best fit would be to have a content expert partner with a tech ed teacher for a short-term (1-2 weeks) role when the class is learning a specific skill area that the industry rep is an expert. Andy Bushmaker believes this would be a better option than having an employee work at the school for a whole semester.

There is a new program called 'TEALS' where industry volunteers and team teaches on topics related to computer science. The volunteers receive a stipend from the school.

Members are encouraged to look for other best practices of industry going into the classroom.

Topic 4: Communication strategy about the shortage of tech ed teachers

The members discussed that CESA 7 is also promoting the shortage of tech ed teachers. CESA 7 has a new program called the "CTE Teacher Certificate". There are 5 courses (\$700 each) in the certificate:

- General Methods of Teaching Vocational Education
- Classroom Management
- Lesson Planning
- Job Readiness
- Teacher Today in Wisconsin

After completion, a certificate is given to the educator. Ann will contact CESA 7 and ask that they send a representative to share information about the program to the taskforce at the next meeting.

WTEA will be sending out postcards to members about promoting tech ed teacher careers to students. They will continue to speak about the topic at events like Skills USA. WTEA will also be utilizing the discounted Alliance sponsored exhibit booth at Find Your Inspiration in October at the KI Convention Center. There will be over 4,000 8th grade students attending the event.

Topic 5: WTEA

WTEA is working on hosting a meeting with members of the organization as part of the Get Real Math Movie Premiere being held on Oct. 3 at the Meyer Theater in Green Bay. Ann will follow-up with Tom Barnhart and Dave Stroud.

Topic 5: Next steps and next meeting

The next meeting will be held on December 12 at 4 p.m. at FVTC.