

NEW Manufacturing Alliance
TECH ED TEACHER SOLUTIONS
FVTC
December 12, 2017
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Minutes

Attendees: Tom Barnhart, Michael Beeth, John Bursa, Andy Bushmaker, Joe Ciontea, Joe Draves, Jim Eastman, Corey Hansen, Steve Meyer, Oran Nehls, David Stroud, and Ann Franz

Topic 1: Presentation from CESA 7 alternative teaching certificate

Tabled until next meeting when Jessica Williams with CESA 7 can join the meeting.

Topic 2: Connecting schools with the Alliance's grant and tech ed teachers to Alliance events

There were several events that had the Alliance partner with tech ed teachers over the past few months. WTEA had a joint meeting at the Alliance's Get Real Math Premiere, which was held on Oct. 3, 2017. There were over 200 attendees. The Alliance's Excellence in Mfg./K-12 Partnerships Awards dinner held on October 25, 2017 recognized two tech ed teachers: Andy Belongia with Green Bay West High School and Jeremie Meyer with Ashwaubenon High School. M3 Insurance sponsored the Awards dinner in which 25 tech ed teachers could attend at no cost.

Schools are encouraged to utilize the grant program the Alliance has in funding classes through the UW Oshkosh certificate program or taking a course at one of the technical colleges.

Topic 3: Updates from technical colleges and UWO regarding courses/degree programs

Michael shared that the first tech ed teacher will graduate from the UW Oshkosh certificate program. There are currently 5 people in the program. One issue in not having more students in the program is due to some schools do not require tech ed teachers to have a tech ed license. The university is pursuing offering a traditional undergraduate degree in tech ed and hopefully will have students enrolled for the Fall 2018 semester. The Intent to Plan has been sent to the systems' universities for their review. Michael is working with FVTC to articulate a 2 + 2 program. Joe is waiting for UW Oshkosh and FVTC to finalize their program and will then reach out to UW Green Bay.

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

There was discussion on whether there is still a shortage of tech ed teachers. All agreed that this is still an issue. Oran shared that he has over 150 resumes for every social studies opening, where as it is significantly less applicants for tech ed. UW Stout's enrollment for its tech ed degree has increased. UW Platteville has merged their agriculture and tech ed programs together.

Topic 5: WTEA

Joe shared that WTEA has reached out to the 70 people that have alternative licenses to attend the WTEA conference being held on March 7-9, 2018 in Wisconsin Dells. There will be a training session on how to utilize Fab Labs on July 23-27, 2018. Ann has joined the Advisory committee for WTEA. The North Coast Marine Manufacturing Alliance is working in partnership with WTEA on having a summer 2 day event focused on the marine industry.

Topic 6: Next steps and next meeting

February 13, 2018 at 4 p.m. at NWTC in the Advance Business Assistance Center Boardroom.