

SOLUTIONS TO THE TECH ED TEACHER SHORTAGE

NWTC

February 13, 2018

4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Minutes

Attendees: John Bursa, Joe Draves, Mark Krause, Oran Nehls, Andy Rinke, David Stroud, Jessica Williams, and Ann Franz

Topic 1: Presentation from CESA 7 alternative teaching certificate

<https://www.cesa7.org/content/tomes/cte-teacher-certificate-program/>

Jessica Williams with CESA 7 presented on their alternative teaching certificate, which is focused on individuals that do not have a teaching background/education. There are currently 28 people enrolled in the program. CESA 7 has marketed the program through radio commercials that have been very effective.

The program has 6 available participants that are now able to teach. The schools can contact the individuals directly from information found on the CESA 7 website. The individuals must first receive a tech ed position before receiving their CTE Teacher certificate. If they leave the school, they no longer have their CTE Teacher certificate.

There are 5 courses in the program:

1. General Methods of Teaching Vocation Education
2. Teaching Today in Wisconsin
3. Classroom Management
4. Lesson Planning
5. Job Readiness

These courses are not part of a degree program at a college. CESA 7 is looking into having these offered for college credit, however the cost would increase (currently \$700 a class).

After the meeting, Jessica shared additional information from the questions that were asked at the meeting:

1. The age range for the students is 26-56, and the average is 41 years old.
2. None of the participants have a B.S. degree in Education.

Topic 2: Updates from technical colleges and UWO regarding courses/degree programs

Although Michael Beeth could not attend the meeting, he did send an update:

- There are 4 people in the current Tech Ed class (being taught by Joe Ciontea). Although the people in these classes are benefiting from them, our ability to offer tech ed classes to 4-5 people in the future is becoming a financial concern.
- One person in Joe's class who could qualify for the remaining \$500 scholarship from NEW Manufacturing has been encouraged to apply but has not done so.
- The proposal for the new Tech and Engineering major received all of the required signatures back on Dec, 21 but is still sitting in the Chancellor's Office at UW Oshkosh. He is hoping to offer the program 2019.

Topic 3: North Coast Marine Manufacturing Alliance Tech Ed event

The NCMMA is offering a special program for tech ed teachers in the summer. The Marine Manufacturing Careers Exploration is being held on June 13-14, 2018. The agenda includes Hands on Deck boat building curriculum, plant tours at Marquis Yachts and Bay Shipbuilding, networking cruise on Green Bay on Cruisers Yachts and Marquis Yachts the evening of June 13 along with a dinner program with the marine industry. There is no cost to the tech ed teachers and there is an opportunity to host 25 educators. This is a first time event. Interested teachers will apply directly to WTEA's website.

John Bursa shared that Oconto Falls High School will be having a first ever career exploration event and job fair on March 1 from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. at his school. School districts from throughout the region have been invited to attend.

Oran shared that his school hosted on Feb. 12 at Curriculum & Career Night for 8th graders and their parents. The program included companies and colleges.

Topic 4: WTEA

The annual conference will be held on March 8-9, 2018 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Andy and Mike will be presenting at the conference, along with Ann will be a panelist.

There will be a WiFAB Fablab training for teachers held at FVTC July 23rd – July 27th. This is a great professional development training for new teachers and teachers working on an alternative-based license. Sign up is now open and available: www.uwstout.edu/wifab

Topic 5: Next steps and next meeting

Next meeting April 10 at 4 p.m. at Fox Valley Lutheran, 3600 N. Meade St., Appleton.