

NEW Manufacturing Alliance
STEM TASK FORCE – MS TEAMS MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2022 – 3:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Andy Bushmaker-KI, Tom Barnhardt, Randy Charles, Nels Lawrence, Jeff Greul, Chris Arps, Jeremie Meyer, Harley Griesbach, Jon Larson, Cory Clark, Paul Edter, Jim Eastman, Staci Sievert, Andy Richards, Ed Kipling, Kacie Gossens, Abe Allen, Michelle Kanipes, Elaine Ruh, Kyle Wagner, Patrick Gaetzke and Ann Dranz

TECH ED TEACHER SUPPLY CHAIN CONSTRAINTS

Ann gave a special thank you to the tech ed teachers that attended the meeting, representing over 15 school districts.

ISSUE:

- Manufacturers do not know who to contact at a school to offer donations.
- Manufacturers do not understand what schools need regarding supplies.
- Educators have difficulty getting donations due to there is limited time they are available when they are not teaching a class.
- Steel and gas are expensive.
- Schools are not able to get bulk discount, due to the limited amount they purchase.
- There is no support network to assist schools in purchasing supplies at a discount.
- Safety glasses are a cost that the schools need to buy multiple times due to students losing them or taking them.
- If one organization purchases the supplies in bulk, what are the logistics of getting the supplies to the schools.

POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS:

- Tech colleges could have their students cut metals for welding coupons that could be given to the schools.
- CESAs could negotiate supplies and then buy in bulk; the schools would reimburse the local CESA.
- Find suppliers that are more affordable, suggestion was Lincoln had a good discount.
- Federal surplus system has free items that could be used by the schools, but there is a lot of paperwork. Go to www.publicsurplus.com.
- Tech college could purchase a group buy of electrodes.
- Create a list of schools and contact information that could be shared to manufacturers, so they know who to contact if they have a donation.

NEXT STEPS

- ✓ Ann will contact the CESAs regarding a group buy and determine if they can help facilitate this initiative.
- ✓ Educators share who at their school should be the contact if a company wants to make a donation that will be shared on the NEWMA website.
- ✓ Tech colleges review dual credit supply chain list to look for opportunities for group buys.
- ✓ Tech ed teachers will share a wish list of top 5-10 supplies (type, size).
- ✓ NEWMA create a 'Welcome back to School' care box for tech ed teachers with items like safety glasses in it.

UPCOMING ALLIANCE EVENTS

June 10: Deadline to nominate for the Excellence in Mfg./K-12 Partnerships Awards, link to nomination form:

<https://form.jotform.com/220925476202149>

October 25: Excellence Awards Dinner – at the Resch Expo:

October 26: Manufacturing First Expo & Conference – at the Resch Expo

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/AGENDA

The next STEM Task Force meeting is on July 27 at 8:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.