

**NEW Manufacturing Alliance  
STEM TASK FORCE – MS TEAMS MEETING MINUTES  
August 24, 2022 – 8:30 to 9:10 AM**

**ATTENDEES:** Chris Arps-Winneconne School District, Andy Bushmaker-KI, Jim Eastman-Menasha Joint School District, Dave Gordon-CESA 7, Harley Griesbach-Shiocton High School, Steve Meyer-FVTC, Keith Polkinghorne-AriensCo, Elaine Ruh-Fox Valley Metal-Tech, Joe Turner-De Pere High School, Ann Franz-NEWMA, Debbie Thompson-NWTC

**SOLUTIONS TO TECH ED TEACHER SUPPLY CHAIN CONSTRAINTS**

Tech Ed Teacher WISH LIST Items			
Micrometers	Dial Calipers	Electrodes	Teacher Aprons
Various Wire	Welding Consumables - Gases	Filler Materials	Electrical Supplies
Various Metals	Various Woods	Wood Finish	Tools & Machine Tooling
Scrap Metal	Scrap Wood	Company Banner <i>(Hang in the school's shop.)</i>	Plumbing Supplies
Safety Glasses	Safety Gloves	Welding & Other Safety Gear	<b>AND MORE!!!</b>

**Welcome Back to School Boxes for Tech Ed Teachers**

50 boxes will be constructed. This initiative is meant to be a motivator for the tech ed teachers and is not intended to supply all the students. The boxes will be available for pickup at the Get Real Math & Science Premiere, at the Meyer Theatre, on 10/4/2022. *Thanks to the companies who have donated or are considering a donation!*

**Companies have until August 31 to donate. Member companies who have donated so far:**

- 50 Each Calipers – A to Z Machine & Samuel Pressure Vessel Group
- 50 Pairs of PPE Work Gloves – AriensCo
- Hearing Protection – Heartland Business Machine
- 50 Each 6" Flex Stainless Steel Rulers – Machine Plus
- 800 Pairs of Safety Glasses – Shopko Optical Manufacturing
- 120+ Pairs of Safety Gloves – McCain Foods
- 50 Each Metal Rulers – Robinson Inc.
- 50 Each Tape Measures – Velocity Machine
- 50 Cell Phone Holders – Fox Valley Metal-Tech

**Metals**

Steve Meyer has been working with some of the regional steel suppliers. He shared that it will be difficult to get major discounts on steel, due to constant price fluctuations. One of the vendors is receptive to school needs and able to supply Green Bay and Fox Valley schools. Incentives of working with this vendor include the following.

- Educator accounts would be routed to the same salesperson for consistency.
- There would be a set item list with established pricing for educators.
- Schools could order unique items, but they would most likely be priced the same as for businesses.
- The vendor would have a standard size of material, but teachers could order any size cut of material. Cut charges would then apply.
- The vendor would establish easily movable package amounts (size and weight). Orders could then be unloaded from the truck without the use of a forklift.
- The vendor has the ability to deliver to any regional school, as they are already serving these areas.
- The vendor would like to setup, with each participating school, a designated school drop-off location in case someone is not available to pick the order up. The truck driver would then send an email or text to inform the school contact that the order has been delivered to the designated school location.

**NEXT STEPS** – When confirmed, Steve Meyer plans to provide teachers with the vendor information and guidelines soon.

Dave Gordon shared that at the State level the CESAs cannot manage group purchasing. Each regional CESA will need to work with their local vendors. Educators should reach out to their CESA contact to share their needs and concerns. Their CESA rep(s) can then work to establish a purchasing program. Ann shared that NWTC reps are also looking at potential purchasing opportunities to assist the schools.

### **GET REAL MATH & SCIENCE VIDEO PREMIERE**

October 4, 2022 | Meyer Theatre

Networking Reception 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Program 6:00 to 7:00 PM - Pete Petoniak will again serve as emcee.

New videos are being produced by Alliance Laundry Systems, Georgia-Pacific, McCain Foods, and Sargento Foods Inc.

[REGISTER](#) for this free event.

**Ann shared that she needs sponsors for the event. The cost of the facility has doubled. Please contact her if you can sponsor \$500 for the networking reception or \$1,350 for the Meyer Theatre rental.** Special thanks to WTEA & KI for their \$500 sponsorship for the networking reception.

Joe Turner, De Pere High School, is creating the math video lesson plans, while Chad Janowski, Einstein Project, is creating the science video lesson plans. A professional photographer will be in attendance to take pictures as educators, upon entering the venue, walk down the red carpet.

- Two \$500 raffles will be held - one for a school's math department, the other for a school's science department.
- Miller Electric donated another welding machine for a school's tech ed department that will be raffled.
- The Welcome Back to School boxes will be distributed to the tech ed teachers, one per school.
- Networking reception sponsors are needed to help cover the cost of the food.
- Ann will be recruiting volunteers for the various fall events.

### **UPCOMING ALLIANCE EVENTS**

October 4 – Get Real Math & Science Premiere

October 5 – Taps + Tours Business After Hours at U.S. Oil

October 6 – Fond du Lac County Educator Tours

October 14 – Marinette County Educator Tours

October 14 – Oshkosh County Educator Tours

October 25 – ACP Partnerships Meeting

October 25 – Excellence Awards Dinner & Program

October 26 – Manufacturing First Expo & Conference - Student Event: Educators can let Ann know if they have juniors and/or seniors that can attend for career exploration, 8:30 to 10:45 a.m., at the new Resch Expo.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/AGENDA**

The next STEM Task Force / K-12 Task Force Joint MS Teams meeting is scheduled for September 16, 8:30 a.m. Agenda:

- ✓ Tech Ed Teachers & Supply Chain Constraints
- ✓ Planning: ACP Partnerships Meeting on 10/25/2022
- ✓ Upcoming Alliance Events
- ✓ Next Meeting Date/Time/Agenda