

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Peterborough, New Hampshire

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Applied Technology Center (ATC) Committee

April 13, 2017

SAU Office

6:00 PM

Minutes

Committee Members:

- Dick Dunning
- Jim Fredrickson
- David Martz
- Stephan Morrissey
- Pierce Rigrod

Committee Members Present: Dick Dunning, Jim Fredrickson, David Martz, Stephan Morrissey, Pierce Rigrod

Others Present: Gib West, Bob Edwards, Kevin Pobst

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Elect ATC Committee Chair

Stephan Morrissey was nominated as ATC Committee Chair by Pierce Rigrod. Second by Jim Fredrickson. Unanimous.

3. Elect Communication Committee Member

Stephan Morrissey was nominated as the ATC Committee rep to the Communication Committee. Second. Unanimous.

4. Develop ATC Committee Charge

The mission of committee might be to provide public discussion about possible changes to new program opportunities under consideration under the ATC.

Consideration of capital planning would be another charge.

Identifying the financial or related resources that support future programming and would bring the business community closer into a partnership was cited as a potential charge. Drawing the business community into the sphere of the ATC makes sense.

What extent of the ATC Director's time is appropriated to the ATC? 100% was the response.

Gib West asked how fluid one anticipates this being. What is the cost of creating programs and the lead time to allow for students to choose those programs etc.? Are we going to require everyone to take an ATC course? How will students get to locations for ATC programming? Do we build program and hope students come or build program and make them come?

Stephan Morrissey said that the board feels that the ATC has been neglected. We want to maintain excellence in our traditional programming and grow forward motion with the ATC. Mr. Morrissey said that the ATC program should develop with this committee and not go to the Education Committee.

Dick Dunning spoke about the dilemma for students seeking college options and the credits for selecting high school courses.

Bob Edwards asked where ConVal is with the Building Trades Program. ConVal currently has six students in the program.

Pierce Rigrod said that the difference in economics for college today results in not as many students pursuing traditional four year college. The vision and mission is focused on how we accommodate students to acquire an education to afford them a living. What is opportunistic? We have manufacturing in the area.

How do we evaluate the success of programming in the future? Is it based on how many students participate in the program? Do we measure in terms of the quality of the skill set that brings them to the next level?

The RAC meets quarterly. Each program (PAC) meets regularly.

The current internship program is moving toward connecting internship proposals to the program we are providing at the ATC. We are looking for a stronger connection.

Gib West suggested that any questions being sought should be shared with the ATC Director so that answers can be provided. Communication is the best way to provide information and have discussion. Pierce Rigrod suggested a form of communication be developed to allow information sharing because everyone won't be able to attend all of the PAC and RAC meetings.

Dick Dunning spoke about the communications that will allow confirmation of forward progress as well as let the Board know what is needed to support that forward motion.

This committee wants to help advise and facilitate ATC programs.

The Director of the ATC should be asked what is needed to facilitate the vision. How do we take advantage of community to facilitate the vision?

A member from Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District was suggested for membership of the ATC Committee.

5. Other

None.

6. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3,II (If Needed)

None.

Motion to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok