

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Peterborough, New Hampshire
CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Applied Technology Center (ATC) Committee

Thursday, March 15, 2018

SAU Office
7:00 PM

Minutes

Committee Members:

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

Present: Dick Dunning, Jim Fredrickson, Stephan Morrissey, Pierce Rigrod, Michelle Voto, Kimberly Saunders, Myron Steere, Rich Cahoon

Stephan Morrissey called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. Accept Minutes of February 15, 2017

Dick Dunning moved to accept the minutes of February 15, 2018. Jim Fredrickson second. Unanimous.

2. Data Reporting

Michelle Voto reported that the State reported inaccurate figures that were on the CATE Report. It has since been corrected. Five communities were affected.

3. Progress on Programming

Michelle Voto reported that the State is coming for a visit next Month. They come once every five years. We are in good shape; some areas may percolate. Our curriculum is mapped; we are in great shape. There may be issues with the CTE space and how we use it. They will be addressed. Looking at the space with a different filter, to make improvements, will take place after feedback from the audit is complete. It should be a positive experience.

Michelle spoke about the potential for some of our space. The audit could be used as a catalyst for change.

Discussion took place about reconnecting with Mascenic to rejoin the ATC.

What other programming is underway? Michelle reported after the manufacturing got underway, by 2021 a small engines course or electricity/electronics course might be pursued. Supporting the growth of manufacturing is important and would tie in.

Outboard motors were discussed as an option. Small engines in general were discussed.

Kimberly said that there are very specific criteria for CATE programs. We can't run an automotive program. The goal is to create strong programs that will lead to good jobs.

Stephan Morrissey said that outboard motors could be viable.

Michelle spoke about the need for hands on experiences for kids such as the case with the woodworking program.

Jim Fredrickson asked that everyone on the ATC Committee gets invited to the RAC meeting. Kimberly said that it is an internal meeting and not a public meeting.

Rich Cahoon asked about the woodworking transition plan and manufacturing; he asked that a plan be developed should this be a challenge down the road. Confirmed.

Kimberly reported on a meeting with Nashua Community College (NCC) this week with Michelle Voto and John Reitnauer with Lucille Jordan.

Kimberly shared interest in having NCC use ConVal space so students may achieve college credit. Community members could access space as well. CV students would access the courses at no charge in trade of space. Paralegal Studies, Early Childhood Education, Business, General Studies (MA and Allied Health) would access space from 3:30 on. NCC is eager to pursue and fast track this for the fall.

The language of the MOU must reserve seats for our students as long as we consider them our students. This makes ConVal an educational center and binds us to the community. We would be the first high school in the State of NH that would be approved. Facilities approval must be gained. A course sequence would be mapped. A sample of the Waste Water pursuit is needed. We would need to be approved as a satellite site. A MOU will be needed. The NCC Board of Trustees would need to sign. An Open House would be scheduled. A session for college accepted students who just don't actually go will take place. Ms. Jordan will attend Tuesday's School Board meeting.

4. Dual Enrollment

The goal is for our students to have the capacity to take classes at night and during the day and cross the state with a high school diploma and the potential for an Associate's Degree as well.

An outline of the activity would be helpful. Michelle will share minutes of RAC and PAC meetings.

5. Other

None.

Jim Fredrickson moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Pierce Rigrod second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok