

ATECH GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2021
4:30 PM
MEETING WAS HELD VIA GOOGLE MEET

Mission

The Appleton Technical Academy graduates students who possess the knowledge and skills necessary for successful entry into the career pathways of modern advanced manufacturing.

Opening

The regular meeting of the ATECH Board was called to order at 4:30 pm.

Roll Call - Present

Ryan Scherer, Board President, Director of Operations - Miller (ITW)
Jerimiah Janssen, Board Vice President, VP, First Business Bank
Steve Haas, Board Treasurer, North American PMC Controller - Asten Johnson
Scott Ascher, Board Member, Director of Robotics, Werner Electric
Ron Buchinger, Board Member, Director of Operations - CMD Corp.
Kristin Uvaas – Board Member, Parent Representative
Paul Endter, Lead Teacher - ATECH
Krista Fuller, Secretary - ATECH

Not Present

Jon Schloesser, Board Member, Training Center - Oshkosh Corp. (Pierce)
Steve Meyer, Board Secretary, Manager STEM Education & Development - FVTC
Kristin Comerford - Coordinator, Career Based Learning & Career and Technical Education-AASD
Candace Watters, Board Member, Human Resource Generalist Sr., Plexus Corp
Mark McQuade, Principal -ATECH

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous board meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Board Members

Vacant Positions - Parent Representative, Kristin Uvaas sat in on the call. She has a son who is a freshman in ATECH.

Staff/AASD Updates:

Lead Teacher's Report – Paul Endter:

Gillispie productions video -

Paul shared with the Board via email prior to the meeting. The video has an alumni and board member focus. Next steps are edits and final cut. Paul is seeking some additional funds for other footage. Would like to keep Gillispie on retainer for future projects.

Initial Reactions from board members: They are overall pleased and think it hits the target markets students, parents, counselors). We would like to see more current students for next videos.

ATECH Charter School Fair - May 1st (approximate times 8AM-12PM)

The front lot of AWHHS is booked and Paul is hoping to open the campus for tours, but this is tentative due to COVID. Paul requested board member participation through “Big and shiny” equipment, local trades, assistance/staffing. Paul and Krista will be preparing postcards and a mass email to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade families. They must RSVP so we will know numbers prior to families coming. A tent

will be donated if needed and Paul can get tables/chairs, we just need to know numbers. Board members Scott and Ron volunteered demonstrations from their respective companies.

Summer Camp (First week of June)

Information is out to families and five registrations are already in. Paul is looking for support from business partners through any physical donations or trinkets, specifically safety gear is needed for incoming 9th graders.

Paul is hopeful for 25 kids, two instructors, and hands on activities.

ATECH Hallway

Paul shared some images from fast signs to add signage to the ATECH hallway. He stated there is no signage in the hallways at this point. Paul showed sign examples for the ATECH advantage, student spotlight, and ATECH Sponsors.

ATECH Sponsors would be a 5 year commitment and the sponsor would receive a plaque on the sponsor's board in the ATECH hallway, as well as possible naming rights for larger donations (classroom, lab, etc). Paul asked the board for help finding financial support and sponsors. The three signs are significantly more than anticipated budget.

Jeremiah asked about the possibility of a business open house. Paul stated there was one 3 years ago. Paul would like to do this again, but there are COVID restrictions and considerations at this time.

Clothing

Paul showed an example of an ATECH short sleeve t-shirt. Wants to get them to incoming students, staff, and counselors. On the back they state "Ask me about the ATECH advantage" so he would use this as an opportunity to educate staff and counselors about ATECH so they can answer questions. Paul would like to start a series of "did you know" facts about the ATECH advantage that are released every week. He would like to get ATECH gear into the rotation of the theme days for staff. Paul is also working on ATECH Masks and long sleeve shirts.

Paul is seeking financial support for clothing.

NEW BUSINESS – Ryan Scherer

Kristin Uvvas was unanimously voted into the board as parent representative.

Meeting Adjourned

Board Officers:

President: Ryan Scherer

Vice President: Jerimiah Janssen

Secretary: Steve Meyer

Treasurer: Steve Haas

Next meeting April 14, 2021 @ 4:30 pm via Google Meet