

## Principal and Lead Teacher Reports 9-22-21

From Mr. McQuade:

**Budget:** We have sufficient funds to cover operating expenses for the year as well as marketing. We need funding for the Hartjes Scholarship if we wish to offer it again. We will need to consider fundraising for any upgrades (usually suggested by industry) or any replacement cycle we wish to implement.

**Personnel:** The team is working hard with students. FVTC is working on a teacher certification process designed to provide our part of the state with more tech ed teachers. I serve on an advisory group for that program and Steve Meyers is one of the lead instructors. This is good work.

**Launch Studio grand opening:** We would ask that our board members consider attending. [\(Attach the flyer\)](#). This event is this coming Monday night.

From Mr. Endter:

**Enrollment:** 9<sup>th</sup> Grade has 19 enrollments, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade has 29 enrollments, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade has 18 enrollments, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade has 14 enrollments -- Total enrollments: 80

These numbers are consistent with what we thought we would start the year with. Of note would be the current low number of juniors and seniors. This is due in part to the loss of students during our struggles with Covid the past year and a half and how our student population struggled with virtual instruction.

**Fundraising:** I simply need everyone's help with these efforts if we are going to get anywhere with this. Mark already identified the need. I have a document started requesting information from our staff with what our needs are. This is a work in progress but if we are going to remain not only current but at all cutting edge we are going to need funding to generate student interest and attract young talent. Our focus has to be seeking out strategic long-term partners who are interested in establishing a pipeline of future talent to fill their employment needs today, tomorrow, and for the foreseeable future.

We need a functional sub-committee beyond this group to do the work that needs to be done in preparation and execution so we can fill the donor wall that already exists.

**Youth Apprenticeship update:** We have 3 who worked most of the summer at Eagle Performance Plastics in CNC machining. We have our foot in the door at Pierce with 3 who are going to start in the next week or so. Pierce is working to develop a strategic plan for these 3 that we can implement for the next group and so on moving forward. We have 2 others in automotive repair or bodywork and one other who is still looking for an automotive placement.

Aaron Wegand has taken over as our district YA point person and he represents all YA placements for the district. He is working to develop district guidelines for the on-boarding process for all of YA in the district.

**October is manufacturing month:** I am finalizing the details regarding our staff and student awareness campaign regarding ATECH. We are going to inform staff first and then we are going to raise awareness with our student body. The next steps are reaching out to our feeder schools and assisting those staff with being able to confidently speak about ATECH as a great opportunity for those interested in manufacturing (and automotive and construction).