

**Southwest Area Career & Technical Education Academy**  
**Governing Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 2nd 2022, 7:30 PM**  
**DPS North Campus, Administration Building**

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call**
- II. Approval of Agenda**
- III. Approval of Minutes – Yellow sheet**
- IV. Financial Report – green sheets**
- V. Directors Report – Aaron Anderson**

- A. Grant Update – Still waiting on finalization of the ND CTE Grant. We are the top grant applicant and fairly certain we will get the \$10 million. Also submitted a federal EDC grant on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> for \$11million. There were 509 applications for \$500 million. Working on another grant that is due at the end of this month from Feds that is worth \$5 million and a few smaller ones over the next few months.

Fundraising – Two weeks ago met with Marathon Petroleum about support of our project. They had budgeted \$100,000 to contribute but I asked for \$1 million. We have a tentative agreement for \$100,000 over the next three years. Need to complete the application for funds next week.

Have three other business and industry visits the next few weeks and anticipate additional funding awards by next meeting (fingers crossed)

- B. Design and Campus Update
  - On Feb 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> we met with GT and YHR to have our initial design meetings. Spent the afternoon/evening with myself and Dr. Lewton touring this campus and the Dickinson High School Campus of our existing CTE programs. In addition they spent time with each of our CTE teachers talking about needs and wants for their programs.
  - Highlights include flexible space, community space, a muster area for students to gather, donor highlight wall, school partners display. Next month we will hopefully have the initial designs to share and gather your feedback.
  - In addition last Friday one of our health careers instructors the architects and myself tour LRSC CTE spaces for ideas on design and layout. They have some great spaces that lent a number of ideas for the project.

Other items – I was a featured panalist at State of the City, spoke at the Dickinson Rotoray, had a feature in the Dickinson Press and had KFYP TV out for an interview.

Currently in the process of trying to fill our Powersports/Rec Engines and Auto/Diesel Tech positions for DPS. Also have an opening in Tech and Engineering to fill this month. Excited for the new hires and what they will bring to SW CTE in the future.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

- A. Advisory Committee – pink sheet, We met on Monday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup> for our full organizational meeting for the board. They plan to meet the last Monday of the month at 4:00pm

## **VII. New Business**

- A. CTE Center Tour Summary – Ask board members to share feedback on what they seen
- B. Mobile Meats Lab – As I mentioned before, Dakota Community Bank wants to sponsor our mobile meats lab. Dale Palke is committing \$60,000 and the bank is committing \$75,000. In partnership with Roughrider CTE we decided to move forward in purchasing the trailer. We have put a \$5000 deposit down with anticipated cost around \$80-90,000 in the end. I would like to share costs with roughrider and sw. Priority for the trailer will got to partner schools of both entities and then the remaining schools
- C. T4 Conference – Info sheet provided. A great event we want to bring to Dickinson. We have tentatively agreed to May 9-10. 2023. 600 students each day. Will work with your administration on enrollment counts and determine what grades can be invited for next year. Will have opening session/kickoff likely at Trinity and additional breakouts at West River Icerinks and DHS. Anticipate cost for SWCTE is \$1400 unless additional sponsor is found.
- D. WBL Coordinator/Community Outreach – just wanted to start the conversation. DPS currently has a community outreach coordinator (Bobbie Johnson) that is working part-time. She helps plan events, like T4, works with businesses for student placement and any other tasks involving the community, etc. One item I would like for the board to consider is picking up half of that contract
- E. Fiscal Considerations – What do I have permission to spend funds on and dollar amounts. \$1,000 for conference devices, equipment for programs, deposits on trailers, etc.
- F. Operation Items Discussion – I started a list of major items that we need to start having conversations on over the next few months and come to a decision. If there are other items you would like to add please let me know.

## **VIII. Announcements**

- A. Next Meeting Date – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## **IX. Adjournment**