Manatee Technical Institute  
Board of Governors  
Minutes for October 24, 2013


Mary Cantrell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Ziemnicki was unable to attend the meeting, so Dr. Cantrell welcomed everyone. Each person introduced themself.

Minutes of August 23, 2013 Meeting: The minutes of the August 23, 2013, MTI Board of Governors meeting were approved as submitted.

STEM Grant: Doug Wagner discussed the STEM grant which has been applied for. Over 800 schools applied for the grant. Four major areas of STEM were requested as follows:

- STEM at all Manatee County elementary schools
- Hand-held digital carts at each school
- Technology & Enterprise Career Hub (T.E.C.H.) Zone for MTI. This will be a 14,000 square foot facility costing approximately $3.5 million which will be built along the north side of the building at the west end. It will provide a place for all 4th and 5th graders to have the opportunity to rotate through an experience of MTI. The facility could be used after school hours by MTI for other ventures. Pinellas County has something similar to this called the Enterprise Zone. A handout of the T.E.C.H. Zone rendering was given to everyone.
- Common Core content for the new T.E.C.H. Zone. Pay for teachers, supplies, summer camp, buses, etc. Total of $4.5 million for MTI.
- There should be additional information about whether or not this grant has been approved in January, 2014.

Initiatives for Florida Technical Centers: Doug Wagner reported the following initiatives currently being taken up in Tallahassee:

- Requesting $5 million from Governor Scott for a Pilot program to standardize data reporting
- Changing Technical Center names to Technical Colleges
- Expanding the $1,000 payments for certifications to include all programs
• A report of Manatee County showed that we had more students earn occupational completion points than Pinellas County even though they are three times larger than we are. We are also exceeding the number of students served in Sarasota County.

FOCUS: Jan Ferreira reported on the first survey this school year, Survey F, which was submitted to the DOE. Student enrollment as of the survey date was 2,061 active with the Main campus having 932 secondary and post-secondary students enrolled. The next survey is Survey S, which is the largest survey. Everyone is encouraged to continue to keep FOCUS updated daily with enrollment and attendance information.

MTI Foundation and Alumni Association: Virginia Sirocky invited everyone to attend the First Responders Challenge on November 16, 2013, at the East Campus. The proceeds benefit the MTI Foundation scholarship fund.

Director’s Report:

• Approved of purchases in excess of $10,000 are as follows:
  1. $30,000 for a spot welder for Collision Repair and Refinish
  2. $50,000 Snap-On tools order for Collision Repair and Refinish that had originally been placed when the new school was built but has been delayed
  3. Additional Instructor for Collision Repair and Refinish
  4. Additional Instructor for Surgical Technology
  5. $13,479 for networking equipment for Networking program
  6. $16,000 for ten TIG welding machines

• Dr. Cantrell discussed the standard policy for hiring additional instructors. The second instructor is authorized for the 21st student, the 3rd instructor for the 41st student, etc.
• The proposed staffing plan is currently a work in progress and being revised by Dr. Cantrell and Doug Wagner.

Other Business:

• Dr. Conard discussed an initiative that has been started to memorialize the legacy of MTI. It was approved by the Manatee County School Board to form a committee to bring an idea back to the school board to consider.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Future Meetings
January 23, 2014
May 22, 2014