

CATC Advisory Committee

February 3, 2015

Present: Jim Anastasio, Gary Rosenthal, Donna Wolfrom, Jim Holland, Stephanie Turgeon, Pat Hopkins, Virgel Hammonds, Deb Couture

1. Cooperative Agreements: RSU 2 and RSU 38 are signed and in. The Director will e-mail an electronic copy to the group.
2. The Director visited the Winthrop School Board and is willing to go to other school boards and school committees.
3. The Director spoke with the MACTE Director Don Canaan about funding. Jim Anastasio spoke with MDOE and learned that subsidy is sent to Augusta. Augusta bills districts that do not directly send money, which doesn't make sense since subsidy can then be reduced.
4. Calendar was discussed. Labor Day is late this year, Sept. 7. The 5 dissimilar days are: Sept. 1 (Erskine), Sept. 4 (Erskine), Nov. 23-24 (Winthrop), March 17 (Gardiner, RSU 2 will have 2 back to back workshop days) Coordinated Graduation dates: 2nd weekend in June.
5. Paul Kennedy, CATC SkillsUSA co-advisor, presented on SkillsUSA, a Nationals student leadership organization CATC participates in. CATC participates by having a CATC Leadership Team. The Leadership Team prepared the SkillsUSA Awards Ceremony, will do a fundraiser to scholarship students to State and National Competitions, and will organize a school-wide community service project. We had our local SkillsUSA competition here at CATC. Gold Medal winners advance to the State SkillsUSA competitions in Bangor on March 5 & 6. 800 students from around the State will participate, with CATC sending about 35 students. State winners will advance to the National Competition in Louisville, KY. In the future, perhaps there could be more notifications so other interested people could attend.
6. Paul Kennedy spoke on the Plumbing & Heating program that he has taught for the past 4 years. The program is broke into 2 years.....one year of heating and one year of plumbing. He has some students this year that took the electrical program last year and are getting great skills with both programs. National Oil Retailer's Association (NORA) Bronze level is the curriculum taught in the heating program. All different types of fuels are discussed in the heating curriculum. Mr. Kennedy pushes for his students to further their education. KVCC has a 2 year energy services program that is perfect for a student to transition into upon graduation. There is a 3 credit articulation program in place with KVCC. The program also has many certifications students may earn which makes them very marketable. Mr. Kennedy discussed the average increasing age of tradespeople, which makes the plumbing and heating professionals in demand.

