

Franklin County Technical School Alumni Committee Meeting Minutes January 13, 2010

Members Present: Cindy Cross Dunbar, Anna DeGeorge Antes, Brad Stafford, Lori Levasseur Roy, Sue Pollard Kelley, Danielle Cousineau, Linda Emond Quagliaroli, Ruth Cinsneruli Sanborn, Nick LaCoy, Ed Young, John Hicks, Fred Chase, Bonnie Scott Welcome, Ashley Barstow, Christine Mullen, Lauren Mullen Barton, Ed Terault, Kevin Purinton, Jeffrey Hampton, William Gallant, Holland Herzig, Jocelyn Croft, Amy Sullivan

Superintendent, Rick Lane: welcomed committee members and thanked them for volunteering to be on the Alumni Association Committee. He spoke about his hopes for more spacing in the building saying that it will take a community to make these hopes and dreams possible.

Principal, Rick Martin: remarked that he has enjoyed his time here so far as Principal at FCTS. He thanked Bill Gallant and the committee members for coming. Mr. Martin encouraged alumni to check out the Franklin County Technical School's web site for current information and highlights.

Director of Curriculum & Instruction, John Carey: spoke of the large amount of momentum that is going on at FCTS. He explained how we (Alumni) are the 3rd leg of which this school can stand. He hoped that we as alumni in the communities would put time in and advise in projects for the future of FCTS. He hopes to meet and see all of the members again and again.

Faculty member and Alumni, Bill Gallant: said that he is starting the first steps of developing a databank right now. He asked members present to get their graduating class members to gather as many names as possible.

Face Book: The suggestion was made of having a FCTS Alumni Association Face Book Page. Christine Mullen volunteered to create this page.

Jocelyn Croft, FCTS Technology Coordinator: Introduced the Alumni Profile Corner of which members can have their photo and profile posted on it on the school web site. Anyone interested in doing so should contact Jocelyn at jcroft@fcts.org.

Open Discussion: The committee talked about the next Annual FCTS Alumni Gathering. Where to have it, some suggestions were the Shuetzen Verien in Turners Falls, Greenfield Community College, the Greenfield Fair Grounds and/or possibly Look Park. Also discussed was whether to charge a small admission to start a FCTS Alumni Association Scholarship. It was suggested to have a raffle of items donated by area business, preferably alumni business owners. Then it was suggested that the FCTS Alumni page on the web site have a "Business Card" page where proprietors pay a suggested amt. of \$10.00 per spot on the page.

Alumni Member, Jeff Hampton: Jeff is also a Greenfield Member on the FCTS School board committee. He spoke of the possibility of the Greenfield School System limiting the amount 8th grade students allowed into the Tech for next year. He encouraged

fellow alumni members to participate in their local community town meetings and school committees and speak up as community members and graduates of FCTS.

Faculty member and Alumni, Bill Gallant: asked members to find out who from alumni has passed on and report any findings with dates of death at the meeting when we meet again. Possibly a remembrance can be made at the next Annual Gathering. Cindy Dunbar: suggested this may be available on the Greenfield Recorders Web page as a search in their archives.

More Open Discussion: Bill G. asked members if they could fill out the alumni questionnaire located on FCTS's web site. He also asked members to look in their yearbooks and find other classmates and get in touch with them to make them aware of the newly developed FCTS Alumni Association Committee.

The committee took a tour of the building at FCTS and was able to see the new technology and how far we've come since we were students here at FCTS.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 6:00

Pizza! Please bring \$5.00 for pizza and fellow alumni if you can find 'em!