RTCC RAB Meeting
Thursday November 12, 2026

Attending in person - Michael Clark and Lauren Blanchard-Geno
Attending online - Nika Oakes, Collin Johnson, Nancy Pejouhy, Michaela Martin, Renee Badeau, Donna LeBlanc and Ray Zapata

Meeting started at 5:01

Enrollment update -
Currently RTCC enrollment is at 97 students which is an improvement from last year's number of 94. Program numbers fluctuate with students changing programs after being here for a while and seeing what the programs offer and what their friends are doing in the programs.

7 out of 9 programs meet the Perkins funding requirements allowing them to utilize that money

New projects -
The LNA program starting in March with a 12 week clinical at Mening needed a minimum of 6 students to run and we already have that enrolled. There is still plenty of time to enroll however there are only 2 spots left as the program capacity is 8.

The Diversified Agriculture's high tunnel is up and the students and instructor are setting up the plan of what it will all look like come spring. They are currently utilizing the greenhouse that is attached to the building and have many vegetables growing that they are selling.

Recruitment has started! Dates are set for us to visit all our sending schools. We have simplified our online application to a google form which is now open for the 27-28 school year.

Sending school outreach -
4 programs have started planning community outreach. Everything will be coordinated with the sending schools before anything happens but these are the ideas that have been thought of so far.

- Diesel is reaching out to elementary schools to do reading with the children - we would purchase books specifically related to trucks and diesel for our students to read to the elementary students.

- Culinary is reaching out to do holiday coffee carts with sending high schools
- Ag doing a touch a tractor at the elementary schools - our students would show the elementary students the different parts of the tractor and let them explore the tractors
- Auto donating tire swings to each elementary school - The liability of this was mentioned and that many schools are removing tire swings so this is going to be looked into a little more before happening.

Upcoming events -

Winter Market - 11/20 10-1 flyers have been posted on facebook
College Fair - 12/18 9-11

Questions -

What about adding Plumbing as a program?

Plumbing is currently integrated into NCCER, the National Center for Construction Education and Research, core curriculum shared with construction and electrical trades, and student demand remains low. Students also gain practical exposure while working with Habitat for Humanity each year.

Is there exposure to renewable energy?

not as much as nika would like to see, there is some work with solar panels in electrical technology but not a lot. Colin mentioned many forms that he uses where he lives bringing light to different ideas such as the Jean Pain method for preheating water via a compost pile.

Colin believes we should expose students to all the different types of renewable energy in electrical and construction.

Upcoming meetings -

- Late December or early January there will be a special budget meeting
- Thursday February 11th is the next regular RAB meeting

Meeting adjourned at 5:42