

Aviation/Avionics Advisory Minutes

April 16, 2014

Attendees:

Tom Engle, Valerie Riedler, Greg Houston, Fred Hovater, Mark Rubin, Mark Haines, Terry Menees, Walter Fix, Cliff Migal, Dean Petersen, Katie Mehin, Ron Cohoe

Enrollment:

Currently there are 38 Juniors, and 34 Seniors in the secondary program. The class of 2014 starting this August has 34 registered with 20 more waiting to register for 50 slots available. Avionics has 13 students to date with 25 slots available. CNC has 17 students with 25 slots available.

Aviation Program:

Class of 2013 - 11 are certified as A&P, 9 are working, 2 are seeking employment, 7 are in college, 6 are in the military.

Adult Education:

21 students are in the adult program; 11 are in airframe and 10 in General. West-MEC is in the process of looking at starting a 75 hour test prep program for the adults preparing for the oral and practical. The district is also looking at registering as a CATS center for the written exams. West-MEC is pleased to announce that Terry Menees, aviation instructor has been tapped by the FAA to be a **DME** and use the Aviation facility as home base. If all comes together, an adult or secondary student can get their training, written test and oral and practical at the West-MEC Aviation facility. More to come on this topic by the next meeting. West-MEC is also proceeding to acquire **post-secondary accreditation** in order to access federal loan funds for adult students. Steps are being taken now to prepare for an accreditation visit later this year.

Avionics:

Terry shared with the committee the progress on equipment orders, training aides and curriculum for the avionics program. Included in the packet of materials is a job description for the instructor position. If you hear of any potential candidates please refer them to Cliff. A resume of an individual was shared with the committee of a person that will be interviewed on April 17.

Update class of 2013:

The current class of 34 second year students will finish their coursework by the end of June. Testing and job placement will be important. If you hear of any job openings refer them to Troy or Cliff.

Equipment Needs:

The district is still in need of the following equipment as we expand services and enrollment:

- 172 airplane to be used as a training aide
- Additional turbine and Lycoming engines

Greg Houston suggested we look at helicopter engines like an Allison T56. Greg will follow up on leads.

Tour of facility:

The committee toured the new facility.

Next Meeting: AUGUST 20, 9:30 am