

## **Aviation Advisory Committee Minutes**

September 11, 2012

### **Welcome and Introductions - Jim Nordstom**

#### **Enrollment Report:**

Troy reported that there are 49 new juniors and 36 seniors currently attending the program. All is going well with this group of students. The Power Plant section will start in October.

#### **FAA Certification:**

The FAA certificate was presented showing the Airframe and Power Plant certification for up to 100 students.

#### **Adult Services:**

A discussion took place regarding the partnership with Glendale Community College and the West-MEC Aviation School. The group discussed the pros and cons of trying to make it work from a financial side and a college credit side. The committee decided to give the district the latitude to move forward with West-MEC starting on their own in early 2013 and still work on the partnership with GCC or another college. From a financial side, the fees for all 1900 hours would be in the range of \$13,000 to \$14,000. The committee also reviewed the results of the community survey showing that there is a high interest level and a desire to have the training in the west valley.

#### **Programs/Building B:**

The committee discussed the layout of a 3<sup>rd</sup> building on the campus with approximately 28,500 square feet. Program considerations are the following: Avionics Certified Welding, CNC Machining, Pre-engineering, Composites. It was decided we are on the right track and the committee would like to look at job figures and skill sets at the next meeting.

#### **Dual Enrollment:**

Still in the works and will be brought back at the next meeting.

#### **Equipment:**

Troy discussed the AVOTEK equipment on order and the need for a high-wing plane like a 152 or a 172.

**West-MEC Bond:**

Mr. Donovan discussed the Bond program on the November ballot. He encouraged all to spread the word.

**New Members:**

We have a need for new members. Contact Cliff or Troy if you have any suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am

*Next meeting December 4, 2012 9:30am Aviation Center*