



GMTCC
Regional Advisory Board Minutes
September 14, 2017

GMTCC Mission

“To promote the mastery of the essential:

*Academic skills

*Technical skills

*Employability skills

for Secondary/Adult students to be successful in the workforce and to continue professional learning.”

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Ciccolo, Joe – Elmore/Morristown Board Rep. **Vice Chair**
- Gallagher, Cat – LNSU Superintendent
- Lumbra, Darlene – Member at Large
- Marron, Richard – Member at Large
- Menard, Sharon – Member at Large (voted in as first agenda item)
- Rosenbaum, Emily – Stowe Board
- Rylands-Iassacson, Mary Lou – Craftsbury Board Rep
- Whitcomb, David – LUSD#18 Board Rep.
- Wrend, Tracy – LSSU Superintendent - **Chair**

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

- LeBlanc, Joanne – OSSU Superintendent
- Meyer, Andrew – Hazen Union Board Rep

Advisory Members and General Public who attend:

- Damato, Chris – Adult Education/Assistant Director
- Daudelin, Mallery – GMTCC Co-op Coordinator
- Lussier, Sherry - GMTCC Director
- Parker, Meaghan – School Counseling Coordinator
- Schaffer, Brian – Principal, LUHS

Tracy called the meeting to order at 8:01.

Tracy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Tracy asked for any public input, there was none.

Elections of Officers - Cat made a motion that Tracy Wrend be elected as Chair and Joe Ciccolo as Vice Chair. Mary Lou seconded, motion passed.

Tanzania Presentation - Nicole Dedomenico from Norwich University presented to the board about our upcoming Tanzania Trip. There is a 39 member cooperative nonprofit comprised of male and female community leaders in Pommerin, Tanzania. Members pay dues and receive benefits. This center is an:

- *18 bed residential center for orphaned youth,
- *Training facility where the children and community members can receive vocational training,
- *Small business development for income generation
 - Carpentry and crafts
 - Livestock development
 - Sustainable agriculture
 - Sunflower oil production/sales
- *A self-sustaining community development model for neighboring villages to learn & benefit from.

She explained the master plan and the timeline. She explained what the trip will involve:

- *3 Sociology credits available through Norwich University (both undergraduate and continuing ed may be possible)
- *Main Project:
 - *Finishing the craft & carpentry building
 - *Students will teach Upendo Mmoja adults and orphans:
 - Sustainable agriculture – human and animal wellness threats, environmental risks associated with the use of pesticides, power tool safety, anything having to do with animal husbandry/vet sciences; composting – designing a system that will take cultural beliefs and some resistance into consideration and then teach about the value and application of compost
 - *Community health – CPR/first aid; work in dispensary/AIDS clinic; hygiene
 - *Culinary arts (with a specific focus on baking using minimal ingredients)
 - *Electrical work – especially as it can relate to the carpentry workshop and/or solar
 - *Construction methods and power tool use/safety protocols; plumbing

Approximate cost per person is \$3,000. This cost would cover flight, ground transportation in country, travel insurance (ISIC cards), working visa, food, lodging, project materials, program fee, staffing. It would not cover cost of passports or immunizations/travel medications. Sherry explained to the board about various ways she hopes to raise funds for this trip. We have done in house fund raising as well as looking into other organizations and grants that would be able to help with this exciting project.

SkillsUSA Nationals Results – Sherry told the group about the results of the students from GMTCC, we are very proud of all our students who went to Kentucky and competed. We were also named for the second year in a row a Model of Excellence. This award is given to only 24 chapter nationally.

Start of the school year– Sherry talked about how the beginning of the year had gone so far. We have had our Forestry and SAFS classes do the Games of Logging, the Creative Media Art & Design have been out working on a project, we had a pizza oven come in on the first day of school and served pizza to everyone at GMTCC.

Dates for future meetings – November 8, December 13, February 14, March 14, May 2.

FY17 Adult Ed Review – Chris Damato spoke to the group about the classes that they have had and what he is hoping to do with the coming year.

Position Updates – Sherry shared with the group that Brian Schwartz, our PreTech Instructor is also teaching the Drivers Education Class through the high school, which allowed some of GMTCC students from our sending schools to participate. Mallery Daudelin, our former Business Instructor, is the new Co-op Coordinator, replacing Jeff Limoge. Anna O’Shea is the new Business Instructor. We have also hired Kim O’Connor as the School Liason.

Announcements and Happenings – We were part of the 50th birthday celebration of the school. We are going to be part of Hazen Union Resource Fair on September 26, 5-7. Open House is September 27th from 6-8 with a “can’t miss” pasta dinner starting at 5:30. The Forestry program once again participated in the United Way’s firewood project. Students from various classes continue to do volunteer projects through the Lamoille Area.

Minutes of May 10, 2017 meeting – Mary Lou made a motion to accept the minutes, Cat seconded, motion passed.

Other – There was no other business.

NEXT RAB IS NOVEMBER 8, 2017 AT 8 am, LIGHT BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED

Meeting adjourned at 9:11