

**FAME PIPELINE MEETING  
JULY 19, 2013**

**In attendance:** Eileen Rucinski, Rick Murphy, Bill Rotenberg, Scott Bradley, Jeannie Brockmyre, Jeanine Gallina, Sandy Hoodak, Pete Boldt, Darrin Brentnall, Pat Gopen, Bob Lash, Susan VanAcker, Sam Samanta, Jeff Dillon

Eileen began the meeting at 8:40 with introductions and by reviewing the minutes from last meeting.

**The first agenda item discussed was “Ways to Impact 2013-2014 school year”**

- Eileen talked about the problems with the tours to companies because of the restrictions on field trips despite the fact that FAME covered the cost of transportation.
- Eileen then asked to brainstorm some ideas on how to get FAME out there in the schools.
  - What about after school field trips? Possibly using CATS as transportation. It was decided that most kids wouldn't do it after school and that you also run into OT pay for staff.
  - Susan suggested focusing on the tours in the Fall rather than Spring because the Spring is so chaotic in the schools.
  - Bill talked about his initiative with East Irondequoit
  - Sandy talked about the field trip that she did last year for her students and how successful it was.
  - Jeff talked about the importance of top level support in the schools in order for these initiatives to be successful
  - Bob Lasch talked about the activity that he and Jeanne did last year at Red Creek and how important the involvement of the technology teachers was.
  - It was suggested to have FAME do a presentation at the Wayne County Tech Association meeting
  - Susan asked if the tours were still only for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and Eileen stated no, that it was open.
  - It was discussed to have an email notice of FAME opportunities for students and staff be sent to everyone in the district, top down, at the same time and to have Michele send it so that it can come from FAME.
  - Bill talked about FAME presenting at the STEMHub Conference in October as a way to get the FAME name and activities out to a group of educators at one time.
  - It was discussed to do a FAME Day at the schools using a canned presentation that is the same at every school and that a company representative would also be present at those events.
  - Bob asked if there was a FAME Speakers Bureau and Eileen said not really. She is going to draft an email to send to all FAME companies asking if they have a representative from their company who may be interested.
  - It was decided that a FAME Day Subcommittee would be formed. Bob, Jeanine, Jeanne, and Sam all volunteered to be on that and it was suggested that Ron from Goulds Pumps be asked to join.

- Sandy asked about the possibility of one day shadowing opportunities in the Spring for students who decide not to go to college. This action item will be put back on the agenda for March.
- The YouTube video that Goulds did was talked about and how well done it was.
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- Four initiatives were identified for the 2013-2014 school year
  - STEMHub Conference Presentation
  - FAME Day
  - Email Blasts
  - And to still try to get the tours for those interested.

Sandy asked that if she were to contact 3 schools to advocate for FAME, what does she want. Eileen said to encourage kids to see the alternatives available to them than the traditional pathways.

Jeanine will ask at the Directors of Counseling meeting for a contact from each of those districts.

Sam suggested getting superintendent support for the letter/email

Eileen said that getting supportive quotes from superintendents would be a great idea.

Sam volunteered to draft the superintendent letter email

Jeanine will draft the letter email for the counselors and Jeanne and Bob will do the one for the tech teachers.

Eileen stated that information about FAME needs to be shared with these groups regularly and not just once a year.

There are 750 students registered for Finger Lakes Works With Their Hands from 31 school districts.

- Bill suggested that since there was no grant to focus on at the FAME display this year, maybe FAME can be talked about and students can register as members
  - A card would be given to them so that they can register at home.
  - The first 150 students to register will get a t-shirt. Eileen, Sandy and Bill will be the T-Shirt Committee. The t-shirts will not be given out at the event because we need to see who registers so that will be distributed at the schools.
  - It was discussed that if we do this, there should be FAME activities for student members and possibly organizing a student member group.

**The second agenda item discussed was “Take a Teacher to ...”**

- Jeff stated that if we did a presentation at the STEMHub conference it would expose FAME to a larger number of people; many who don’t know what FAME is.
- It was decided that we need to make sure that we note on all correspondence that these FAME events would be professional development opportunities for teachers.
- It was decided that FAME Day at the schools would give teachers the exposure to FAME that we are looking for

**The third agenda item discussed was “School and College Updates”**

- Pete stated that WFL BOCES will be having a new counselor in September due to a retirement
- Jeanine stated that WEMOCO would be offering a STEM elective to Kendall and Churchville-Chili next year; that SAME was up and running; and that there is a waiting list for the Engineering and Metal Fabrication Program for the Fall.
- Scott mentioned that Wayne lost a technology teacher for next year and that they held a Thank-You event for their internship mentors
- Sandy stated that Fairport had 10 technology and 20 business CTE certification program students this past year
- Bob Lasch stated that the grant has pushed a large number of students into their program at MCC and they are in need of teachers because of this. They are looking at moving the STEM competition to the Fall instead of the Spring because of all that is going on in the Spring.
- Bill stated that there are 140 people in the grant already but that does not include Fall registrations. He still has 126 spots for Fall but has 75-100 people indicating an interest or going through the process. There are more Engineering Science and Biotech students this year. The completion goal for the grant is 117. If they don't get the 246 registered by Fall for the grant, a request in in with DOL to see if the money left can be used to register people for the certification program. The Lakeshore News profiled a student who is attending MCC on the grant

Pat stated that Flint has indicated that they want an advanced manufacturing panel at their open house in the Fall, and that the Physics teacher will be presenting again this year at Finger Lakes Works With Their Hands.

Funding for SAME funding for Summer 2014 needs to be put on the agenda for September with possibility of looking into the Xerox STEM grant.

The Summer Teacher Program needs to be put on the agenda for the August meeting. Jeff will supply the RACEC Summer Teacher Program information.

**Next meeting will be held on Aug 23.** Meeting will start at 8:30 AM. Bob Lash will host the meeting at MCC's ATC, 2485 W. Henrietta Rd. Rochester, 14623. It was decided to hold the meeting earlier so it did not interfere with the holiday weekend or the first week of school.