

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SWVRTSD)**
2 **Joint Education and Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, January 17, 2012**
3 Conference Room, Career Development Center
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5 RGB member present: Jim Boutin, Rickey Harrington, Kevin Goodhue, Larry Johnson, Fran
6 Kinney and Frank Lamb; CDC represented by Jim Culkeen, Bob Montgomery and Greg Lewis.
7 Recorder Sandra Redding
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9 Meeting opened by Rickey Harrington. Discussion ensued concerning roof repairs needed.
10 Documents "A and B" explained costs, materials and locations to be mended. It was suggested
11 that Jim Marsden come to a meeting to give further details. This issue led to a discussion of the
12 MAU/CDC lease agreement. There are some questions as to what repairs and what percentage
13 of repairs the CDC, as leasee, should be expected to pay. As the CDC is one of only three
14 independent centers which are attached to a sending school, some input from the other two might
15 be useful as far as lease obligations go. The committee needs more information in this area, so
16 the superintendent will pursue.
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18 A question was raised concerning the acquisition of Rm. 229C for CDC use. The request was
19 made to MAU in October of 2010 as the CDC planned for the future in adding a Composites
20 Program. The committee would like to know where we are in that process now.
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22 The MAU Graphic Arts program was discussed as a complimentary unit to the CDC's
23 Communications Technology Program. However, there are many issues that must be discussed
24 concerning this. There is some duplicity of programs throughout the district concerning several
25 CDC programs. Tech regs need to be adhered to, so some research is needed in this area.
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27 It was noted that MAU student enrollment is under 1,000. CDC will have an increased number of
28 short blocks second semester so there will be a better visibility of program offerings.
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30 Concerning the Ag Program: at this time, the least painful way to decrease the coming budget
31 was to not fund the ag program. This does not mean that it is dead in the water. There have
32 been discussions with other entities concerning a location and the scope of a new program.
33 Many people have worked very hard to compile information and research viable programs for our
34 area. Much appreciation goes out to those folks and the CDC looks forward to creating
35 something special in the future. The committee would like to keep the door open and seriously
36 look at the Middle School for a site as well as the Veteran's Home.
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38 A welding class for adults is in the works. Mr. Mazur has some pretty specific plans, but cannot
39 share all the details at this time. We have equipment for welding, some of it still in the box. The
40 committee would like more information on exactly what kind of equipment we have and how it
41 may be used to its best advantage.
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43 The committee requested some information concerning the wind turbine project. The equipment,
44 which came from a grant, was sold to Hannaford Tech Center. The equipment was quite large,
45 100 feet tall and hard to handle by a small group of people. Jim Marsden wanted information
46 concerning wind at this location and it served that process quite well as much as a teaching tool
47 for the class. This project was about two years ago and started with a teacher who is no longer
48 with the CDC.
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50 Concerns were raised regarding the Design and Fabrication class. A discussion ensued with
51 information shared with the committee. These issues are seen as transitional/ adjustment types.
52 The class will continue to be monitored for success.
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54 Meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM.
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