

TRF Welding Advisory Committee

6p In-Person/Zoom

14 Oct 2025

Zoom Link:

1. Welding Lab

- a. Evaluate equipment needs – 5yr plan
 - i. Aspect 230 AC/DC – recommended request 5 and develop 5-year cycle
 - ii. Table legs for stronghand tables; adjustable height with casters. Students complain about height of current tables – 38” – recommended sending request (\$16,000 – 80 legs at ~\$200/leg
- b. New equipment – what should the program be looking at?
 - i. Looked at Miller handheld laser – too fragile for college/HS use
 - ii. Auto-feed vertical bandsaw – not necessary right now
 1. Dake SXC – tilt table
 2. Baliegh BSVT-18P – tilt frame
 - iii. Cobot – keep in the chamber; work on grant – tie to educational importance

2. Curriculum – Joel Z

- a. Print Reading and CNC Fundamentals changed from flex lab to in-person – this was an effort to improve student success. It has not. Students are not showing up, doing projects, or submitting assignments

3. Enrollment

- a. Fiscal data and enrollment to be shared at meeting – enrollment and completion rates in attached presentation. No fiscal data
- b. EGF has new instructor – Chase Fennell, spent 10yrs with Swingen Const. prior to being hired for the EGF program

4. College Admin

- a. CTE Dean starts this month – Adawn Nelson starts Nov 6th

5. Outreach:

- a. Future Forward – Tom Leuthner, Pine-to-Prairie Director
 - i. [FutureForward.org](https://futureforward.org) Initiative started to connect businesses, colleges, and high schools. Free to join. Currently heavy in the southern part of the state – it is where it started. Trying to get more in the north. Contact Tom Leuthner for more – pine.prairie.coop. He is also in the group email.

6. Additions:

- a. Behind the Mask contest – tentatively set for March 5th in TRF. Last year in EGF there were over 100 contestants.

Attendees: In-person: Don F, Kris W, Adam R, Mike C, Tom L, Joel Z; Online: Brad T, Robert H, Jarad N