ATC Advisory Partners Committee Meeting

11/3/2026 at 2:30pm

Invitees/Participants:

- Ambler Metals
  - Carri Crater – HR Payroll
  - Stacey (Harris) Phillips – Community Relations/Admin Manager
- Aqqaluk Trust
- NANA Construction
- Northwest Arctic Borough (NWAB)
  - Charles "Chuck" Greene
- Maniilaq Association
  - Charlie Nelson – Vice President
- Northwest Arctic Borough School District (NWABSD)
  - Margaret Hansen – School Board President
  - Joe Groves – ATC Director
  - John Crabb – ATC Assistant Director
  - Aletha Duchene – Education Program Coordinator
- NMS
- NANA Regional Corporation
  - Ben Foxglove III – Senior Director NANA Works
- Teck
  - Damon Nelson – Senior Trainer – Red Dog Mine
  - Daniel Young Jr. – Apprenticeship Coordinator – Red Dog Mine

Concerns:

- Scholarship ease, navigation, and accessibility for ATC (and other) training/programming
- Lack of documentation required for scholarships, programs, and drivers' licenses
  - Difficulty and time to obtain proper documentation
- Gap between training and obtaining jobs — needing more immediate pathway here.

Collaboration Opportunities:

- Streamlining scholarship possibilities
- Helping individuals get documentation (birth certificate, social security number)
- Job training rotations in Kotzebue
- Sharing employment opportunities
  - NANAWorks website
  - ATC building/programs
- Apprenticeship awareness
- Job shadowing for ReadiSTAR students and career exploration

Ideas:

- Employee helpline for families that need extra assistance while an adult is working a shift away from home.
- A 2-week on and off schedule for individuals in villages that want to work in Kotzebue.
- Joint advocacy for a streamlined and accessible (online) process for getting documentation of birth certificates and social security numbers.

Follow up:

- Joe to connect with Red Dog (Damon & Daniel) via email to connect on future opportunities, sharing employment opportunities, and training gaps ATC can fill.
- Joe to connect with Ambler Metals (Carri and Stacey) via email to connect on future opportunities, sharing employment opportunities, and training gaps ATC can fill.
- Ben Foxglove will follow up about financial assistance
- ATC to meet with Charlie about job opportunities/finding resources (Charlie will check on potential avenues of funding).
    - Charlie to send invite.
- Site visits that ATC ReadiSTAR (variable term) students have had during FY27: Heritage Center, Fire Hall, Maniilaq Capital Projects, Ferguson Building, Maniilaq Employee Housing Tour and a Maniilaq Tour

Please Respond:

- How often would you like to have these meetings? (i.e. quarterly, twice a year)
- What is the best time of year to host these meetings?