

## **Automotive Advisory Board Minutes**

**May 22, 2013-Wednesday**

**12:00PM**

**Automotive Classroom TR104D**

### **Meeting Called to Order at 12:15 pm**

#### **Present:**

Mr. Chad Lewis

Ms. Lisa Gardiner

Mr. Matt Montgomery

Mr. Mike Busse

Mr. Willis Dow

Mr. Ross Stevenson

Ms. Susan G. Mouck

#### **A. Agenda Approved**

#### **B. Discussion:**

Car Care Basics class was discussed and the hybrid delivery using Polycom was described stating that three Herlong High School students were currently enrolled in the class as college students. Chad also talked about his desire to meet with other area high schools in hopes of recruiting new students.

#### **C. Curriculum Review:**

Chad discussed the new curriculum that has been approved. Course outlines were handed out for courses that were either new or the content had substantially changed.

Future courses were discussed including Basic Diesel and a Hydraulics course. Willis inquired if the differential course was still offered and stated that automotive drivetrain was similar to medium and heavy truck drivetrain.

Willis also asked for details about the diesel class and wondered if it was going to get into electronic control systems or be more mechanical. Chad stated that we would be starting

with mechanical diesel classes and adjust based on what student interest there was. Willis also stated he had about ten diesel engines he could make available for students to work on. Mike also stated he had connection to Hunter equipment and would explore the possibilities of equipment donation or reduced pricing.

Willis said there is a real community need in the trucking and AG industry for diesel instruction. Chad agreed and stated his intention was to pursue light diesel first and see if student interest would include covering medium/heavy diesel.

#### **D. Work Experience**

Lisa introduced the work experience program and explained about intern opportunities. Lisa also explained about the creation of an online job/intern bank to better pair up student interns and employers.

#### **E. New Student Recruitment**

Chad stated he was currently working with Lassen High School to recruit new students. Chad also stated he has plans to reach out to other area high schools to recruit new students also.

Ross talked about pursuing Automotive Advisory Board members to be used in advertising and marketing for automotive students. A brochure was also discussed that showed cost comparisons of Lassen College auto program cost vs. Wyotech and UTI and the fact Lassen offers small class sizes and one on one instruction that may be lacking in larger schools.

The hybrid deliver of the Car Care Basics class was again discussed as a possible recruiting tool.

Willis stated it was important to push the Car Care Basics class as a recruitment tool. He also said he knows Claudio Bustamonte at Cashman Equipment and would pursue the donation of tools, equipment, and teaching aids. Matt stated he used to work at Cashman and would talk to Claudio as well and also will speak to the manager of the engine rebuild shop.

Willis talked about many Reno employers were having problems retaining employees and that many employees were going to Elko and other areas to working the mines as opposed to learning new skills such as those offered in the Lassen Automotive program.

Willis asked about pursuing the good neighbor tuition program for Nevada students and stated we were losing out on a lot of students because of the out of state tuition charges.

#### **F. New tools and equipment**

Chad talked about the need for new tools and equipment for the auto shop. Chad listed the more expensive equipment that was recently purchased using VTEA grant money. Mike again stated that Les Schwab was a rep for Hunter equipment and would talk to them about equipment donations.

Mike also talked about contacting Snap On and other tools vendors to find out about donation possibilities and stated we should talk to corporate as opposed to the local tools rep.

Willis talked about the need in the future hydraulics class for hose building because nobody locally is doing it anymore since Clyde from Napa passed away.

Willis stated he would help any way he can to build the auto program including talking to Claudio at Cashmans and will also talk to Pete at Baxter's Auto Parts.

Ross talked about building the automotive advisory board to include more people from industry that could be helpful to the program.

**G. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15