



Spring 2019 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Program: Automotive Collision Repair

Date: 4/2/19

Members Present:

Ashley Bourgeois - Kemperle Inc. - Supply Sales

Joseph Curtain - Kemperle Inc. - Alumnus

Thomas Duda - Retired Collision Instructor

Brian Freedman - Accudraft Representative

Rodney Schneider - Collision Shop Owner

Heather Castater - P&G Auto Body Supply

Michael Levy - Don Kennett Inc. - General Advisory Representative

Guest Present:

Ron Trottier - Essex North Shore Instructor

Keith Nieberle - Essex North Shore Instructor

Program Facilitator: Ron Trottier

Committee Chair: Mike Levy

Subject: Approval of Minutes - Fall 2018 Meeting.

Discussion: The October 18, 2018 Automotive Collision Advisory Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the committee.

Subject: Portfolio review panel volunteers

Discussion: Information was given to the committee about the portfolio review panel and what takes place on portfolio day. Mr. Levy shared his past experiences participating on the panel and has found it quite rewarding. Mr. Levy volunteered to participate again this year. Other members said that they will try to attend if their schedule allows.



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Subject: Review CVTE Programmatic review findings

Discussion: The committee did express their concerns regarding the welding booths as they have done at prior meetings. The major concern was that the project has not been completed and are concerned how the students are able to participate in the welding portion of the Collision Program without them up an running. The committee would also like to see a Class D fire extinguisher added to the welding booth area.

Subject: Student Enrollment/Placement

Discussion: The committee is concerned with our current enrollment numbers. The committee was informed that the administration has been open to new ideas to help increase enrollment with accepting more upperclassmen transfers as well as implementing other promotional strategies. The committee stated that many auto body facilities are looking for entry level and experienced technicians.

Subject: New Trends in the Occupational Area

Discussion: The committee as a whole in general felt that the smaller independent body shops are becoming a thing of the past and are being replaced by larger “mega jobs” with greater number of employees. Most of these shops are production based, hiring specialized technicians in various areas of the industry. This gives our students the opportunity to specialize in an area of the trade which they may prefer over another, which can increase productivity and potential wage earnings.



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Subject: Employment Outlook

Discussion: The committee once again emphasized the dire need for today's youth to enter the collision repair industry.

Subject: New Business

Discussion: SkillsUSA District Competition Results

The committee was informed that Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing was very successful this year taking home 3 medals at the SkillsUSA District Competition.

Robert Hall from Salem won the Gold Medal in Auto Collision Repair.
Joshua Stachowski from Essex won the Bronze Medal in Auto Collision Repair.
Samuel Oliveira from Peabody won the Bronze Medal in Automotive Refinishing.

Robert Hall is moving on the SkillsUSA State competition in April. We all wish him well.

Emily DiThomas of Swampscott will also be competing at SKillsUSA State Competition. Emily is one of only six students across the state chosen to compete in a new DEMO Collision Damage Appraisal Competition. We wish her all the best as well.



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Discussion: Essex Tech Auto Expo

The committee was informed of the date for this years Essex Tech Auto Expo which will be held on May 18th 2019 with a rain date of May 19th 2019. P&G Auto Body Supplies has once again offered to be our trophy sponsor for the annual event. Don Kennett Inc. has offered an auto car care gift basket for us to raffle off as well to help us raise funds for the tool scholarship. It goes without saying that the success of the Auto Expo cannot be achieved without their continued support and dedication to Essex North Shore. It is greatly appreciated.

Subject: Credential Survey Tool

Discussion: The committee opened up the link for the Credential Survey and filled one out to the the best of our ability at the time. The committee was confused as to exactly what was being asked of them and thought more prior information on the topic would have been helpful.

Subject: Recommendations

Discussion: The committee once again recommended the purchase of an aluminum repair workstation and to update our resistance spot welder.

Adjournment: 8:00pm

There being no other items on the agenda or any other items presented to the board to be discussed all members were in favor of the meeting adjournment at 8:05 pm.

Submitted,
Ron Trottier
Keith Nieberle