

CARPENTRY

FALL 2020 ADVISORY MEETING MINUTES

22 October 2020

Attendees:

John Alden, Sr. - Chair
John Alden, Jr.
Robert Carbone
Robert Williams
Lydia Koyle
Quinlan Roberts
Danielle Skilling
Roy Silva

Maria (Cora) Parnassa
Joseph McCormick
Isabella Jeune
Christopher Galatis
Erica Hussey
Des Roberts
Brian Borders
Robert Conard

Meeting:

Opened: 6:00pm
Adjourned: 7:47pm

Agenda Items:

Subject: Spring 2020 Advisory Meeting
Discussion: Fall minutes reviewed and approved.

Subject: Curriculum Bias Form
Discussion: Form to be filled out by Carpentry teachers this school year.

Subject: Shop enrollment
Discussion: Enrollment since Spring meeting:
12th - 14
11th - 17
10th - 15
09th - Exploratory

Total - students: 46

Subject: Remote teaching

Discussion: Each teacher shared what they have been doing in regards to remote teaching. Ideas and thoughts were shared and best practices. Long term effects were discussed and ideas to mitigate potential harms discussed.

Subject: New Trends in the occupational area.

Discussion: Technology integration across the trade was discussed, from cordless power tools to computer based software covering everything from HR to quote generation, to material tracking.

Subject: Employment Outlook / Co-op

Discussion: How the eligible students navigate their way through the Co-op program was discussed. The program as a whole was discussed by Mr. Silva and Mr. Borders. in light of the Virus and subsequent school closing(s)

Subject: Recommendations

Discussion: It was suggested the students get an introduction to the construction building codes. That a basic understanding of their purpose and intent, and a sense of how and what they regulate, would benefit graduating students. Mr. Silva and Mr. Borders to look into the matter.

It was also recommended that we (the shop /district) track our graduating seniors after graduation. It was suggested perhaps on a 1, 5 and 10 year schedule. It was stated this information would provide value to our shop overall direction and fine tuning of subject matter/teaching.

Subject: Increasing industry exposure/ career options

Discussion: It was suggested that we should take our students to as many relevant trade events as possible. Events like JLC Residential Construction Trade Show and local Home Shows would be worthwhile field trips. Further it was suggested we try to bring more trades people into the shop to meet and share with our students. Implementing this initiative obviously curtailed by virus, however, we fully expect to advance this initiative when safe to do so.

Subject: OSHA - live field inspections

Discussion: Mr. Carbone offered again to perform mock inspections at our jobs sites. Mr. Borders & Mr. Silva to coordinate with Mr. Carbone over the remaining school year.

Subject: New Business

Discussion: It was suggested that we need to promote carpentry as a viable career option upon graduation. Too many of our students (and we believe most shops) abandon their trade upon graduation and follow an academic/college path instead. We need to continually expose the students to the value and worth of a career in the construction trade. It was also mentioned that we need to involve the families of our students and should be made a part of this/these conversation(s).