



Fall 2020 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Program: Masonry

Date: 10/22/20

Members Present:

Jay Foster

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Committee Chair: Brain Scanlon

Subject: Curriculum Bias Form

Discussion:

Subject: Student Enrollment/Placement

Discussion: 12th graders-12/11th graders-7/10th-11 graders

Competing with other programs has been a challenge. Other schools are struggling with recruiting 9th graders. Union wages are high compared to other unions.

Class of 2020 working, military or college. Union apprenticeship program for Class of 2021? Vocational teachers should have a say in the interview process.

How do we recruit the right students? Field trip during exploratory? How do we entice younger students-make the skill look fun. Inviting 9th graders to Career Day that show an interest in the program.



Subject: Remote Learning Best Practices

Discussion: Google classroom, helps keep them organized. Schoology using it for exploratory. EdPuzzle. Struggling with running out of ideas. Talked about making sure assignments vary during remote time. Activities that include going around neighborhoods to identify masonry related items.

Subject: New Trends in the Occupational Area

Discussion: Dustless saws. The big change recently-open graded for pavers. Changed the way in which pavers look. Traditional type material, now open graded-drains better, sands between joints have changed. Walls same-pavers have changed. Shift from mechanical lifting/placing of material instead of by hand. Large format/slab mechanical lifting is needed. With new technology/air tools. Larger format making it difficult to manually work with product. Trend is going towards working with mechanical lifting

Subject: Employee Outlook

Discussion: Met with new company-Dalero Masonry. Manufacturing companies are struggling to find people to work to develop products. Huge labor issues supply end and install end. Vitacreek-Milford, MA More jobs than students. Crisis-getting people to understand the demand.

Subject: Portfolios

Discussion: Students should bring them to interviews. The more pictures & reflections students have the better to demonstrate their skill set. Blueprint for future jobs they do. Having more reflections relevant to their CTE program area. Every project they do have reflections and pictures. Virtual Portfolio Showcase-transfer onto a slideshow, but still have hard copy.



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Subject: New Equipment Trends

Recommendations

Discussion:

Rolling compactor. Airlifters-hand airlifters. Stone magnet. Two person-Backworks-single unit. Handheld airlift-numatic. Using new technology/tools with 9th graders.

Subject: New Business

Discussion: Career Day-Voc Tech (October 2021)schools for Masonry/Hardscape programs. Marlborough-employers, Paver Pete-a well known mason. Diversity within the industry-2 day program. Meet with MTTA to plan this event. We need to promote this industry-the shortage is hurting our industry.

The meeting adjourned at (time): 7:38