



## Spring 2021 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

**Program:** Carpentry

Date: 4/7/21

**Members Present:** John Alden Sr. (Chair)  
Erica Hussey  
Joe McCormick  
Danielle Skilling  
Bob Williams  
Robert Conard (staff)  
Roy Silva (staff)  
Brian Borders (staff)

**Program Facilitator:** Brian Borders

**Committee Chair:** John Alden Sr. (chair)

**Subject:** Student Enrollment/Class of 2024

- Grade 9 12 students
- Grade 10 15 students
- Grade 11 17 students
- Grade 12 14 students

**Discussion:** 10 of the new freshmen are 1st choice and 2 are 2nd choice. Numbers are possibly lower this year due to newer programs being added to the school.



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**Subject:** On Campus Learning Update

**Discussion:**

On campus projects have been:

- constructing, placing and finishing three athletic sheds around school.
- Refurbishing an existing shed for the HVAC program to use for training.
- Computer storage unit for IT.
- Bridges project for G10.
- Renovation of bakery space adjacent to Bistro, G10
- LARKIN cottage will be the main focus for SY 21/22.

**Subject:** Curriculum Bias/Programmatic Review

**Discussion:** Reviewed and discussed via shared screen and completed by the group.

**Subject:** Senior Portfolio Showcase

**Discussion:** Schedule for May 5 from 12:00p - 2:20p. Looking for members to sit in and grade students on their work and presentation. Danielle, Bob and Joe volunteered to help.

**Subject:** Employee Outlook/Industry Trends

**Discussion:** Group agreed that business is booming despite COVID and all agree that there is a tremendous shortage of skilled workers available. They agree that most employers do not think of vocational schools as a resource. If they did not graduate from a vocational school, it is not something that they look at. Drivers licenses and transportation, especially



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since COVID is still a big factor in why students are not eligible for Co-Op yet.

**Subject:** Recommendations for Program

**Discussion:** The group was pleased that we have started purchasing tools and equipment to run as three distinct programs within a program. (grades 9/10, and grades 11/12 working independently.) Although the group strongly believes that in order to run 2 student crews successfully a 2nd van and trailer (properly equipped) are necessary. The group suggested we begin to look into/request funding for said acquisitions. They feel it would be necessary to be able to work separately and independently on different projects with each instructor working with 1/ 2 the upper classes. This would allow for more community service projects and on campus work as well. The group also encourages us to fully inventory tools and equipment in the department to be able to better allot equipment where it is needed most. Ladders and staging updates need to be researched as well for safety.

**Subject:** New Business

**Discussion:** The group thought that remote learning was not ideal but worked out as well as could be expected. More curriculum should be looked at that encompasses more online electronic ability.

It was suggested that we need to engage the local trades more, allowing our students the opportunity to meet, listen, and learn from people who work the trades daily.



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Hopefully next school year the usual trade shows and events will resume and we will bolster that exposure by working with our local industry professionals.

The meeting adjourned at (time): 7:50 pm