

Essex Technical High School  
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**Program Advisory Committee Minutes**

**Program:** Landscape and Turf Management    **Date:** April 5, 2018

**Instructors:** Tim Graham, Jillian Plante

**Members Present:**

**Committee Chairperson:** Billy Butts

**Students:** Bryce Marques

**Parents:** John Marshall

**Industry Members:** Billy Butts, Jake Marshall, Anthony Cina, Andrew Langlois, Andrew Travers, Lisa Grannimo, Eric Richardson, Nick DiBenedetto, Jessica Phillips, Mike Semenchuk, Brad Chase, Joe Szczechowicz, Travis Reardon

**CTE Director:** Kathleen Holman

**Principal:** Brad Morgan

**Subject: Minutes** - The Advisory Board discussed the minutes from the fall meeting on 3/1/17. The minutes were accepted

**Subject: Freshman and Sophomore Curriculum**

Tim Graham talked to the committee about freshman and sophomore curriculum. Tim told the group that the freshman had been placed in their shops at this time and that landscape had 15 first choice and five second choice students. Tim then told the group that the class was 11 females and 9 males and that landscape was about 50/50% male to female at this time. The board expressed how happy they are that landscape has become such a popular CTE. Tim then discussed that for the remainder of the year freshman would be studying botany in their related class and working on spring clean ups in the practical part of their class. He then told the board that the sophomores would be working on turf, both in related and practical.

**Subject: Junior and Senior Curriculum**

Jillian Plante talked to the committee about junior and senior curriculum. Jillian began by saying that half of the senior class (3/6) was out on co-op. She then spoke of how the remaining three didn't think that they would go into this industry, but we're working diligently to finish up their curriculum and portfolios. Jillian then talked about what the juniors have been working on including; indoor hardscaping, pruning and landscape design using Google Sketchup. Jillian then talked about that for the remainder of the year she planned on continuing pruning and working on lawn repair. She expressed continued frustration with there not being an onsite outside area for machine operations, planting, and hardscaping.

**Subject: The closing of NEGrows**

The committee as a group discussed the closing of NEGrows and the implications on the industry, specifically the Future Leaders portion of the show. Chairman Billy Butts brought the subject up and made sure everyone was aware of the closing. The committee then began to discuss possible solutions to this. It was widely discussed that many of the professional organizations in the area had already begun to formulate a plan to make sure that the educational seminars were still going to be available and that student participations would be part of any plan going forward. The committee all agreed that something would take the place of NEGrows, but it would probably take a year or so it see what.

**Subject: Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.