



Spring 2021 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Program: Plumbing

Date: 4/7/21

Members Present: Brian Bilo, Luke Covenant, Karl Jacobson, Dan Brown, Julia Wersakas, Jeff Beane

Program Facilitator: James Russell **Committee Chair:** Brian Bilo

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

Discussion: We explained current school class enrollment for all 4 grades. We discussed the type of student that is choosing plumbing and how impressed we were at the work ethic and mechanical abilities of each class.

Brian and Luke confirmed this by how well the Coop kids are performing. The general consensus was that the plumbing program is running well

Subject: **On Campus Learning Update**

Discussion: We informed the members of the recent changes to full in shop learning, Covid protocols in place, And the general success at keeping everyone focused on learning.

Julia Wersakas was curious about the mood of the students in the shop . Dan said they were just happy and excited to be back. Karl agreed.



Subject: **Curriculum Bias/Programmatic Review**

Discussion: Discussed briefly. Filled out paperwork

Subject: **Senior Portfolio Showcase**

Discussion: We explained to Luke what the Senior portfolio was, and how it operated. Julia had commented on how much she enjoyed the portfolio and her favorite part of the shop was working on Habitat for Humanity. Brian said he might be willing to sit for Portfolios again this year

Subject: **Employee Outlook/Industry Trends**

Discussion: Most of the discussion was about the success of the plumbing Coop plumbing and how the outlook was very favorable to the plumbing trade despite Covid and other factors. We discussed current trends in industry from hiring of apprentices and journeymen to different materials widely used now.

We also explained in depth the start of the After Dark Program and how that works. They were very impressed. We went over the shop expansion to accommodate these new students. We talked about the budget for the shop and future equipment we might want to get. Talked a little about the variety of projects we were doing with students as well as off campus projects which they really agreed was a useful tool in acquiring plumbing skills



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Subject: Recommendations for Program

Discussion:

Subject: New Business

Discussion:

The meeting adjourned at (time): 7:15