

Spring 2018 Advisory Committee Minutes

Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing

April 5th 2018

Location of Meeting - 565 Maple St. Hathorne Ma. 01937 - Auto Collision Shop

Attendees Present

Guests Present

Ron Trottier - Essex Tech Instructor

Keith Nieberle - Essex Tech Instructor

Members Present

Douglas Santa Cruz - Anderson Street Auto Body - Owner

Rod Schneider - Schneider Brothers Auto Body - Technician - Owner

Ashley Bourgeois - Kemperly Inc. - Supply Sales

Andrew Olson - Today's Collision Center - Technician - Alumnis

Brian Freedman - Accudraft Representative

Mike Levy - Don Kennett Inc. - Chairperson

Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes - Fall 2017 Meeting.

The minutes of the October 17th 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved by the committee.

Quality Assessment Tool

The committee reviewed the GAC and PAC portion of the Career and Technical Education Quality Assessment Tool. The committee came to a consensus on each items listed on pages 10 and 11 of the Quality Assessment Tool and checked off each items that they felt we have met to a certain standard. Our chairperson Michael Levy signed the document upon completion.

Budget

The committee reviewed this school years 2017-2018 budget, were the program stands financially and what basic instructional supplies and materials have been purchased. The committee was also informed of the figures as they relate to the 2018-2019 budget request. The committee appreciates the districts continued financial support of the program.

SkillsUSA

The committee was very happy to hear that two of our Automotive Collision repair and Refinishing students placed at this year's SkillsUSA district competition. Robert Michael Hall a junior from Salem won the bronze medal in Automotive Collision Repair and Michael Dennis a senior from Gloucester won the bronze medal in Automotive Refinishing. The committee is very proud of these students success and of all the students who participated in the competition.

Cooperative Education

The committee was informed of current co op student placement. Adam Zerashi a junior from Lynnfield is currently employed at 1st Class Auto Body in Wakefield. The committee was also informed that there are several co op jobs currently posted and that the major problem of our current students is the lack of transportation. Mr. Santa Cruz expressed interest in hiring a student if any lived hereby his place of business. It just so happens that one of our juniors seeking employment lives less than three miles away. That student is currently in the process of

completing all of his co op paperwork and will began co op employment at Mr. Santa Cruz's shop in the here future.

Collision Repair Education Foundation

The committee was informed of the continued partnership this year with the Collision Repair Education Foundation. The foundation has donated some supplies this year such as dust mask, abrasives, and rust corrosion prevention spray. These supplies have been very helpful and have been utilized with the freshman exploratory program. The foundation also awarded ETHS a Pro Spot Aluminum Welder to help us stay current with the introduction of so many aluminum constructed vehicles.

I-CAR Adult Education

The committee was informed that ETHS is now an official I-CAR Educational Training Facility. I-CAR currently held its first I-CAR adult education class here at ETHS last month. The class was on the new Ford F-150 repair procedures. Technician's in the area were very impressed with our training facility. We hope this partnership with I-CAR will continue to grow and for I-CAR to hold many more classes in the future.

I-CAR Professional Development Program

The committee was informed that our senior students are currently completing all prerequisites in order to take their I-CAR Pro Level 1 Refinishing Certification Exams. Our junior students are scheduled to take their I-CAR Pro Level 1 Non - Structural Certification Exam early June and the majority of the sophomores have already completed the I-CAR Intro To Collision Repair 14 course series.

Curriculum Updates

The committee was shown the new textbooks and student manuals that have been recently purchased and handed out to students. NATEF certification requires textbooks can not have a copyright of over 5 years. The last time our textbooks were updated was in the year 2000 when we were seeking NATEF certification at NST. Curriculum mapping will be updated to reflect the new textbooks and integrate them with the I-CAR PDP in the coming months.

NATEF Accreditation

The committee was update on the current status of the NATEF accreditation process. The committee was shown all of the extensive files that have already been completed and was informed that we have approximately 25% to go. Mr. Levy informed us that he is on the accreditation team which will be evaluating Greater Lowell Technical High School. He is looking forward to the experience and is hopeful to gather valuable information which will help us prepare for our upcoming evaluation.

Equipment Needs - Repairs

The committee was informed of the status of the purchase of an updated resistance spot welder and aluminum work station. Price quotes have been passed on to administration and nothing has been finalized as of yet. The committee was curious of all the new welding equipment that is on pallets in the collision shop. The committee was informed that the equipment was earmarked for addition programs to be offered by the school. The committee was disappointed to see that the collision program may be losing valuable square footage. The committee recommended that a mig brazing welder and a SPR rivet gun should also be considered as future equipment needs.

Donations

The committee was informed that Empire Auto Parts has agreed to donate any damaged sheet metal parts on a regular basis. This will help give our students additional metal straightening experiences without the need for as many customer vehicles which require such a fast turnover. The committee was also informed about the upcoming Essex tech Auto Expo scheduled for May 19th. All committee members took home flyers to help distribute to their contacts.

Adjournment

There being no other items on the agenda or any others items presented to the board to be discussed all members were in favor of the meeting adjournment at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Trottier



Keith Nieberle



