



Spring 2022 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Program: Auto Tech

Date: 4/8/22

Members Present: George Alvord, David Cvinar, Rod Deland, Kyle Gallucci, Stu Kesting, Bryan Laskin, Joe Leighton, Josh Nunez, Joseph Stilwell, Richard Ziemplak

Program Facilitator: Tom Forsyth, Brooks Clarke, Joel DeCoff

Committee Chair: Stu Kesting

Meeting was brought to order at 6:40PM

Subject Review of meeting minutes from fall PAC meeting.

Discussion George Alvord motioned to accept the minutes, Stu Kesting seconded the motion.

Subject Automotive program enrollment and expansion

Discussion Currently with the After Dark program the shop space is at capacity. Next year with addition of another After Dark class the shop could be overenrolled.

Currently the program has 12 Seniors, 11 Juniors, 11 Sophomores, 8 Freshmen and 7 After Dark students enrolled. The committee was pleased with enrollment.



Subject Review CTE Program Assessment

Discussion The committee reviewed the CTE program assessment and was pleased with all points being satisfied as proficient or exemplary.

Subject Employment Outlook/Industry Trend

Discussion It was shared with the committee that there are currently 6 Seniors on Co-Op. With the new schedule changes with theory classes being held on academic weeks for Juniors and Seniors, the Junior class now becomes eligible for Co-Op third quarter. Currently 3 Juniors are out on Co-Op. Employment outlook is very strong even with current industry changes towards electric vehicles. There is more demand now than ever for trained technicians.

Subject Recommendations for the Program

Discussion The new A/C machine that is needed to service air conditioning systems with 1234YF refrigerant has been approved in the budget for next year. This will allow the program to stay current with A/C service on new vehicles.



The committee advised it is industry standard for shops to be air conditioned. The shop currently does not have air conditioning. The committee advised if A/C was added to the shop it would be good for recruitment of new students to the program.

The committee advised that it would be good if we can get an electronic multipoint inspection system for live customer work to show problems to customers. David Cvinar and Joe Leighton have stated this is now industry standard and helps build customer relationships.

Subject New Business

Discussion Donated vehicles still continue to be an issue. The condition is only getting worse and we are in desperate need of donated vehicles. Most donated vehicles we currently have are at the end of their service life and will be used up by the end of the year. Bryan Laskin was going to bring the issue to the attention of the company owner of Honda North and see if they can help.

The committee was informed that the car show will be happening again this year for the first time since 2019. Kelly Auto Group has made a generous donation of \$500 to the scholarship funds, Brian Kelly has also made another donation of \$1000 to the scholarship funds and Classic car blasting donated another \$500 towards the scholarship funds. These donations will be for student tool scholarships.

The committee was informed that the program is currently undergoing the NATEF certification process. Once the certification is complete the program will be current for the next 5 years.



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The meeting adjourned at (time): 7:35PM

Motion to adjourn by Dick Ziemplak was seconded by George Alvord.