

**Automotive Technology Advisory Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 15, 2019**  
**Eden Prairie Campus**

Members present: Cody Raze, Ryan Moffit, Mandy Mikolichek, Meg Miller, Amy Lord, Ron Morris, Larry Allen, Jim Bongard, Dave Fischer, Judell Anderson

Staff present: Don Paulak, Susan Amacher, Brandon Holland, Andy Thul, Jerry Kuss, Dan Obermeyer, Alison Leintz, Kim Urahn, Todd Carlton

Meeting was called to order.

Introductions were made.

Minutes of last meeting were approved without revision on a motion by Jim, second by Ron.

Student status: Andy – 16, Brandon – 19, Dan – 15, Jerry – 11, Susan – 11, Don – 18, Mike Rudolph – 22. Enrollment has stayed consistent. We are offering a spring start at both campuses starting in January.

Everyone received handouts with the equipment requests for next year. There was discussion and all items listed were approved on a motion by Jim, second by Larry.

Donations at Eden Prairie campus are way up so far this year. Brooklyn Park donations have been down. Judell suggested putting a call out to industry to send donations our way.

The NATEF title has been changed to ASE Education Foundation. We are in the midst of gathering information for our 2 ½ year review. We will be asking for the help of two advisory members in November or December. We will request one member from a dealership and one from an independent shop.

Eden Prairie program has concurrent enrollment agreements with Buffalo and Roseville high schools. Don is still teaching a group of students from Bloomington Academy Monday through Friday. Brooklyn Park program is working with Goodwill Easter Seals. The agreement is a little different since it is not a high school. Zimmerman, Rodgers and Elk River schools are partnering with the Ford ACES program at Brooklyn Park. Judell asked for information regarding how many students enroll in HTC through these agreements. That information will be reported at the next advisory meeting.

Facilities: the EP shop has been painted, the college is working on changing over to LED lighting in the shop. BP has had some painting done and lighting upgrades. We are working on getting some more benches to accommodate additional classes. There has been some roofing and road paving done at both campuses. This is costly and is an ongoing process.

Curriculum: Two electrical courses have had name changes, the fourth semester internship has been removed. Content has been added to Drivability courses so they are longer. There is a new 2 credit Automotive Professional Service course. Prerequisites have been realigned to allow a spring start in the program. Students will be on internships earlier in the year (January instead of March) and earlier in their education, so please keep this in mind when designating tasks for

them to do. Dave asked about the “quality” of recent incoming students. Skill sets and knowledge are not there, but the desire to succeed has improved.

A career fair is scheduled at the Eden Prairie campus on January 30, 2020. A flyer should be coming out soon from Cheryl Benkofske. We are hoping to bring in a lot high school students and plan to have some hands on activities for them to participate in. Brooklyn Park will be hosting an industry showcase later in the spring. It was asked that attendees be identified in some way so the employers know the demographics of each person they talk to.

Industry trends: laser sensors and electronics are big; it is hard to keep up with all the manufacturers. We are working on getting Identifix system for both campuses, hopefully at one rate and split the cost. Ryan commented that technology is changing fast, but students still need to know the basics most importantly. Judell suggested they should look up OE procedures before every job.

The next advisory meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2020, 8:00 a.m., at the Brooklyn Park campus.

Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ryan.