

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

6:00pm

Northland Community & Technical College, Auto Body 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Classroom

Auto Body Advisory Committee

Meeting called to order by Tim Reuter.

In Attendance:

Josh, Cody, Kent, Ira, Tim, Chuck, Geno, Paul, Dave, Chris, Jim Retka

No additions to the agenda, accepted by Dave, second by Ira.

### **Old Business**

Tim gave a sabbatical report on where he was and who he visited.

NATEF - There was discussion and explanation of the status of the NATEF certification process. The group went over the list of tasks recommended for NATEF certification. By the fall meeting there should be information on the certification timeline.

Recruiting - The advisory committee talked about recruiting at the Prime Steel car show. Also, the committee discussed the future junior class visit from Lincoln High School.

Placement - Kent has been receiving calls from employers around the area who are looking for body men.

Grants - The SEMA show and Ultimate Education Collision Makeover Grant for 2013 application will be coming due in May.

### **New Business**

Equipment – The group decided which equipment to add for the program if equipment money is awarded in the budget process; hoist, air purifier, and Innovative Tools parts stands.

Infrastructure – Request 45 new classroom chairs.

The group watched a video presentation on the new water transfer static printing machine that was purchased at the SEMA Show in October 2012.

60/120 credit limit... AAS

There is a new MnSCU policy that all AAS programs will not exceed 60 credits beginning Fall of 2013. Instructors can apply for a waiver to keep the credits at the current level with justification. Industry recommends keeping the current credit load because of the knowledge necessary to perform daily tasks in the Auto Body workforce. Minimum NATEF requirements were also discussed in relation to the minimum number of credits. If the AAS was dropped, they could only attain the diploma and it would not transfer to a four-year college. The sophistication of the new technology is requiring more training not less. Pros and cons of keeping an AAS connected with Auto Body.

Kent, Tim, and Chuck will have a conference call with St. Cloud Community and Technical College on how the group waiver is progressing. "We feel that we need to change for the better and for the future."

**Whats's New:**

New books are coming out January of 2014.

Ira made a motion to adjourn, second by Geno.