

Northland Community and Technical College
Carpentry Program Advisory Meeting
Agenda 10-24-2017

Attending –

- Jim Sandbeck – Triple J Construction
- Mike Welsh – Garon Corp.
- Eric Bructer – Cullen Insulation
- Cory Vreeland – Vreeland Remodeling
- Brian Huschle – NCTC Campus Dean
- Joan Johnson – Appraiser
- Brad Swanson – NCTC

1. First, everyone introduced themselves. Most everyone knew each other. This was the carpentry instructors first advisory board meeting.
2. Discussed the projects house progress to date – everyone agreed the project house was going well.
3. Talked about how much concrete work the students would do.
 - a. The forks Builders would like to do most of the concrete work before school is in session. This would push the house schedule so that we can get the house enclosed by Christmas break.
 - b. The Forks Builders and NCTC will work together to see that the students can get some hands-on work with concrete.
4. We talked about which classes contractors would like the students to have. I was looking for opinions on what a contractor would like a student to know. This discussion led to the possibility of combining Concrete Technology and Footings and Foundations into one concrete class since the students will be doing less hands on concrete work.
5. Discussed adding a code class.
6. Discussed spring semester classes.
 - a. I mentioned I would like the students to get some taping experience.
7. Discussed cabinetry and the possibility of making some cabinets for the garage or for a walk in closet.
8. Talked about green building.
9. Talked about energy efficient buildings.
 - a. It was stated that the house would have a blower door test for air tightness.
10. Deck construction was discussed and many of the contractors did not think this needed to be a full blown class.
 - a. Many deck building techniques are covered in Concrete and Framing.
 - b. Decks could be picked up in exterior finish.
11. Overall, I appreciate everyone's opinion and input. This will help the program evolve and continue to get better. The bottom line is to put students into the workforce and ensure they are ready to go on day one.