

Northland Community and Technical College
Carpentry Program Advisory Meeting
November 3, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Attending:

- Ryan Knutson- Upright Building
 - Loren Christopher- Christopher Construction
 - Corbin Knutson-Upright Building
1. First, everyone knew each other so no introductions were needed. The attendees have experience in building houses to be moved. That is relevant with the Carpentry Program now building a house to be moved.
 2. We talked about the project house progress, where we are now and where we will be going. We are about to finish the floor. The exterior walls have been built in the Carpentry shop and are ready to be installed as soon as the floor is done. The roof trusses will be delivered the week of November 6-10 if we are ready. Snow has held us up.
 3. We discussed the field trips that the program may visit. Lumber Mart Truss Plant will be on the agenda to visit. Altru Hospital has been visited by the Carpentry class.
 4. We discussed Energy Star rated housing and net zero energy homes. We are doing many of the things in the construction of our project house that are required of the energy rated designations. I would like to make this a focus in the project house.
 5. Ryan asked what my biggest challenge is. One thing is to make sure the students' areas of interest get covered; this could be anything from shingling to trim work. The late start for the house's construction could make it so that the students will not finish it. Construction is weather dependent in our extreme northern climate.
 6. The board advised omitting the lab classes for concrete work as we will not be doing any concrete work for the project house. I would suggest omitting Concrete Technology all together and adding a finish trim class.
 7. We had a productive meeting. I appreciate everyone taking time out of their busy schedules to help the NCTC Carpentry Program.

Thank You

Brad Swanson