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**Jay Barrett, Principal**

## **Automotive Technology Advisory Meeting Minutes** **May 22, 2019**

**Present:** Ann Rothkrug, Bryan Cresap, Corey Stevens, Gary Burns, Isaac Bernal, Jason Reed, Keith Martin, Paul Tarbet, Jay Barrett, Tiffany Hooker, Karyn Pierce, Will Lewis, Trey Hilbert

### **Welcome**

Meeting started – 11:30 A.M.

Karyn Pierce welcomed attendees and introductions made

### **Approval of minutes from October, 2018**

Isaac Bernal motioned to approve minutes

Jason Reed – 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **ASE (NATEF) Accreditation**

Will and Trey provided summary of the on-site ASE Accreditation visit held in February, 2019. Discussion of the recommendations that were made to the program and facility and items that have been taken care of. Many of the recommendations have been addressed and corrected.

### **Tool/Equipment purchases**

Equipment purchased this year to add to or replace:

- Hunter Balancer
- Alignment machine was repaired
- Added Snap-on Scan tool
- Adding 2 laptop workstations in shop for student use/access to PRO-Demand and online repair orders

Instructors asked the group if there were any equipment needs they recommended for the facility to continue meeting industry standards. The group had no recommendations at this time.

### **Senior Student Surveys**

Will went over the student survey results with the advisory group. Overall, students indicated the course met their needs. The survey also asked the students to indicate their future plans (work, certificate training, 2yr, 4yr, military, etc). Will noted that all but 2 or 3 students were offered jobs as a result of their internship this year.

Keith Martin asked instructors if there has been a shift in the type of student choosing automotive and if the counselors have a better knowledge base of this program.

Instructors and administration noted that they felt there was a better understanding and that the changes in graduation requirements/plans from the state level has also played a role in placing more emphasis on options other than all students need 4 year degree

#### **Discussion of Future Needs**

The instructors asked the group about possible ways to get new model vehicles for program use. Often times individuals may call to want to donate an older vehicle, however, they typically are more than 10 years old. ASE/NATEF standards require students to train on models that are 10 years or less.

While there were no immediate solutions at this time, further discussions would take place. Also the instructors noted they would check with their contacts in other districts to see what they are doing.

Looking to future purchases, the instructors talked about the need for an additional scan tool and a tire machine. The scan tool would allow for more access since there are 2 classes going on at the same time throughout the day.

Instructors sought input about contacts for tire recycling. Ann Rothkrug will provide a contact they use/

#### **Industry Needs / Recommendations for Improvement**

The committee was asked about any recommendations for improvement to the program or industry needs the program needs to address.

- Keith Martin noted an greater emphasis needs to be put on the theory (the "why" and "how"). Many members agreed to this statement. They noted that new technicians entering the industry lack the problem-solving skills needed and it often is a result of not understanding the theory behind the task or the why and how. Over last 20 years, they have seen a clear path of technicians to tire changes due to lack of trouble shooting skills.
- AC mentioned since accreditation, the program should be able to gain access to manufacturer training such as AC Delco.
- Karyn asked the committee if they want to look at Committee terms (1, 2 and 3 year). The committee at this time felt the existing structure works for them.

#### **Next Steps and Meeting Date Fall Semester**

The next advisory meeting will be in late September/early October.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

*Rebecca Anderson*  
*11/25/20*