

MD/HD/Diesel Advisory Board Minutes

January 12, 2012

Introductions

- Mike McAfee gave a welcome and had each person give an introduction. There were 12 advisory members in attendance and 4 West-MEC staff.

Facility

- Frank gave an update on the facility and indicated that there are still items to clear up but overall, this is a very nice facility and will be very functional.

NATEF

- The certification is in process. We should be in good shape by March or April, 2012. Once the NATEF Certification is complete, the program will be certified as an "AYES" school, which will be the first Diesel AYES high school program being taught in a dealership in the nation.

Snap On

- Cliff described the Snap-on diagnostic, multi meter and torque certification training agreement. The program will be housed at the Diesel facility with an outreach to teachers, business and industry in trucking automotive and aviation. The Arizona Auto Dealers Association will be an integral partner in this relationship.

Job shadowing

- Frank and Ron discussed the job shadowing program to take place this month. An information sheet that detailed company names, student names, student phone numbers and dates scheduled for job shadowing was provided to the advisory group. There is still a need for a couple more slots.

Skills USA

- Jeff Cook is the lead chairman for the Diesel Skills USA event taking place on March 27, 2012. The group discussed the event.

Equipment Donations

- Frank reviewed the need for small equipment items. He will send out a list. Any leads on newer engines would be greatly appreciated. Frank mentioned brakes, starters, alternators and fuel injectors as a start.
- Don Davis from Glendale CC will follow up with potential vehicle donations from the college's dormant Truck Driving School, which has Class 8 trucks sitting idle, possibly available for donations.

Open items

- Cliff Migal gave a brief overview of the “West-MEC 5-year plan”, and how the plan could impact various programs.
- At the next meeting, the group will discuss the level of involvement in the Freightliner Facility dedication on March 23, 2012.
- The group will also discuss how to graphically spruce up the building and how to highlight the Advisory members companies in the building.

Next meeting: February 23, 2012 - 3:15pm at Freightliner