

Medium / Heavy Diesel Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – 1.30.2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Whitesell, Michelle Bankemper, Daniel Escobedo, Mike McAfee, Ron Kalmbach, David LaCombe

INTRODUCTIONS: Member introductions included name and company they represent.

MINUTES: The minutes from December 5, 2016 were discussed and approved.

JANUARY 16-20 INDUSTRY WEEK: Forty-one students were able to job shadow at SRP, RWC, Kenworth and Freightliner. Advisory read reflection letters and students were excited to work in a real diesel setting for 12 hours.

REGION 5 SKILLSUSA: February 23,2017 held at NEC during class time. Forty-two students will compete to determine state contestants.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS SKILLSUSA: April 18, 2017 held at Northeast Campus from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Other diesel programs will be invited by SkillsUSA.

GUEST SPEAKERS AND FIELD TRIPS: First year students are looking for shop tours to increase awareness of working conditions and employment opportunities. Advisory members are encouraged to be a guest speaker for diesel topics which may include soft skills, new products and repair procedures.

NEXT MEETING: April 17,2017 at 4:00pm held at the Northeast Campus

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Mike McAfee suggested a possible central meeting for Diesel, Automotive Technology and Auto Collision. Each group would have 30 to 45 minutes to present agenda items. This model is currently being used at Glendale Community College. West-MEC has Advisory members that support more than one area.

ISUZA TRUCK: Mike McAfee provided a handout of ISUZU dealers that support training programs in the state of Arizona. Great opportunities for job shadow and internships.