

**Diesel and Auto
Advisory Meeting
November 20, 2007**

There was a brief meeting over the noon Becky updated both groups on what was happening on campus, improvements to the main building landscaping. The plans to do more such as put new metal on the out buildings in the future. She also reported on the legislatures plan to cut all two year programs to 60 cr. and four year programs to 120 cr.. This would have a big effect on our entire program at Minnesota West CTC.

Katie reported on the marketing happenings for the year, first was the Auto Expo there were over fifty students on campus that day there were training section that helped bring out the high school students they had a reason for being there other than just a day off from school. The Tech Search day witch was also successful, upcoming activities are the Holiday Mixer, Jan. Tech Search and finical aid day, the Extravaganza in March.

Present: Berry Erickson, Doug (Dutch) VanSanten, Jerry Fogelson, Dave Gobel, Josh Koehen, Student and staff Chris Sturzinger Peter Girard

Program report:

The Diesel Advisory meeting took place in the Diesel Technology building, a report was given by Peter Girard on student # and the out look for next year is very good. Some discussion about what drives the number of students going to college and where they go.

Budget

Peter reported on the budget the Diesel program does receive an extra \$6000 for the lease of the tractors from Kiddle Equipment and Arnolds of Willmar. Do to the busy fall there were no tractors available the first of November and it was decided that this year we would start the spring semester and use the dollar differences to update the software and some of the tooling to go with the equipment that we get.

Diesel Technology:

The Diesel Tuck program will not be starting like we had planned administration would like to just incorporate the curriculum into the Diesel technology program and keep it somewhat generic. Jerry was thinking that if we did a stand alone Farm equipment program that may be good. Dave said that was what the death of the program at Alexandria was after some discussion from the group it was decided that the program should stay as is and make changes to curriculum where it works. Jerry and the rest of committee felt that if we could gain a partnership with some of the larger companies we would have a much better chance of retaining \$\$\$ for equipment to run the Diesel program.

Josh explain how some of the student sponsorships worked and felt that would be a good opportunity for students and a way for them to go to school and end up with as little debt as possible. I told the group that I will work with administration.