

HVAC/R ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee met at the MnWest Pipestone Campus on March 13th, 2008

Committee members are:

Vaughn Corwin HVAC/R Instructor
Jack Mead, Bisbee Plumbing and Heating
Mike Martin, Carlson Stewart
Tom Hunstad, Johnson Controls
Wes Hofcamp, Johnstone Supply
Ryan Middagh, Student HVAC Program

Members Present,

Vaughn Corwin, Tom Hunstad, Wes Hofcamp, Ryan Middagh

The meeting was called to order by Vaughn Corwin at 11:00am

Items covered at the meeting are as listed:

We took a tour of the lab area and Vaughn asked for suggestions for the improvement or additions that the other members felt that were needed. Tom Hunstad suggested that a pneumatic control system would be nice so students have a hands on with that type of equipment.

Ryan Middagh suggested that a heat pump system would be good addition, I also stated that we do have heat pump system and we have bought a new air handler system with electric heat and we will hook up the heat pump to that system.

I also showed them the computer simulation systems that we have at the college one for commercial, heating, air conditioning and Hydronic systems. They felt that this will be very helpful in the trouble shooting of systems that are run by computer programs now.

Tom Hunstad offered some information about a program that their company was offering, which the Johnson Controls company would like to put in systems that they operated and would donate \$30,000 towards this program if the college would put in a equal amount. They in turn would hire our students and possibly pay for books and tuition when students graduate would work for their company for two years. MN West College has been submitted to the Johnson Controls board along with some other colleges and the board will pick one college to work with.

Tom also mentioned that the students that they have hired in the past are doing well in their company.

Vaughn also asked for the members if they could make suggestions for new members to the advisory committee.