

# Diesel Advisory Board meeting MINUTES

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2-12-2018 1:00 PM Room 103, Minnesota West, Canby campus

Meeting called by Peter Girard/ Mike DeVries  
Type of meeting Advisory Board  
Note taker Deb Full

Attendees  
Trenton Bahn, diesel student  
Levi VanderWoude, diesel student  
Pete Ziepher, Zeigler  
Scott Oberg, Kibble Equip  
Lee DeBlicke, C & B Operations  
Barry Erickson, Titan Machinery  
Jerry Goodburn, Harrison Truck Centers  
Jared Javens, Harrison Truck Centers  
Morgan Hullinger, RDO Equipment  
Paul Lanoe, Dean of Diesel Technology  
Todd, Kibble

## AGENDA TOPICS

- 1) Budget: Supply/ Resale – Diesel has a supply budget of \$19,000 and a resale budget of \$26,000. We have always turned a profit from our resale account. Supplies include: towels, tools, oil, etc.
- 2) Campus Update: Deb Full gave updates on what is happening at the Minnesota West campuses.
  - a. Freshman Career Day – February 23 – Canby campus – 288 students from 5 area schools are planning to attend.
  - b. Xtravaganza, Diesel – March 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM-Diesel program will host the events. Shadowing for students in all programs will be available.
  - c. Congratulations to Peter Girard for being selected as the Teacher of the Year for all Minnesota West campuses.
  - d. Breaking Traditions will be held Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> and has 22 students signed up to attend. It is the 21<sup>st</sup> year of Minnesota West, Canby campus doing Breaking Traditions.
- 3) Paul Lanoe:
  - a. Thank you to the advisory board for your time and input and greetings from our president, Terry Gaalswyck. Terry has a passion for our agriculture programs and wants to see them succeed.
  - b. Enrollment is up at Minnesota West and there is money for growth
  - c. Strategic Plan: new goals, values, mission statement.
  - d. We are completing a master facilities plan this year and it's done every 5 years.
  - e. There was a restructure of Deans and there are no longer Campus specific Deans, but Deans for each Department that travel to other campuses.
  - f. There is \$3 million available for SW MN Career and Technical Colleges for the next 3 years.
  - g. There are no budget cuts for next year.
- 4) Head Count:
  - a. Second year students = 11
  - b. First year students = 15
  - c. Our program is set up to start in either the fall or spring semesters.
  - d. We have 18 prospective students for fall semester.
  - e. A maximum of 25 students is our goal.

- 5) High School Class offerings - Mike DeVries teaches a high school Basic Mechanics class two days a week from 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM. There are four students in the class. We are hoping to create an interest with high school students so they will become future Diesel mechanics.
- 6) Leveraged Equipment funds and new equipment process – How leveraged equipment works is a company donates an item and the program gets the same amount in leveraged equipment funds. Last year we had \$148,000 in donated equipment and the college gave us \$98,000 in leveraged equipment funds.
  - a. Industry wants to know what kind of equipment wishes we need. There is a five year equipment plan that we can share.
  - b. Diagnostic tools – we have some but many are specific to the brand of equipment we are using.
- 7) Foundation donations – When a company donates to the Foundation, they can write it off on taxes.
- 8) Tuition Reimbursement – Discussion was help on what is being offered from industry to students. Most dealerships have programs that a student can receive a two year degree and have it paid for by a company then they must work at the company for two years.
- 9) Suggestions: Question to industry –
  - a. What to you see happening in the next few years so we can keep up with the changes. Industry says electric and hydraulic troubleshooting is key.
  - b. General knowledge is also a key requirement as each manufacturer will train their employees on their specific brand.
  - c. The Multi-meter is an important tool for technicians.
  - d. Work ethic is important to stress to students as companies bill per hour of labor and employees can't be on cell phones or horsing around.
  - e. 80-90% of our students stay in our area, some have a family farm to return to

Respectfully,  
Deb Full  
Campus Resource Specialist