

**Polaris Career Center
Advisory Council Minutes, High School and Satellite
Fall Meeting – October 11, 2016
Program: Welding**

Council leaders present

1. **Julio Martinez**

Members in attendance:

1. Jim Myers
2. Regis Holland
3. Brian Sykes
4. Scott Slagle

Members Absent

1. Gary Callahan
2. Joel Gibbon
3. James Boone
4. Arnie Kuchenmeister
5. Larry Waller

Welcome and introductions

Introduced myself to the group. Went around the table getting to know the members. Had Junior Alex Kennell join the group. Wanted him to be able to listen first hand on how every member wants to help in the success of every Polaris Career Center student.

Review spring advisory council meeting minutes

We reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Since Mr. Martinez did not attend that meeting. Regis and Jim gave brief comments on what was covered. They talked about job placement, material donations, welding equipment for the Polaris lab.

Review purpose and scope of advisory councils

Reviewed the purpose and scope of the Advisory councils. Mr. Martinez discussed the purpose of an advisory council and guidelines. We had a discussion to determine if what we are doing is sufficient. Some positive things that are being done; Mock interviews. Resume building, providing employment for full and part time positions. Donations of equipment (Lincoln Electric) and materials. Advice on industry procedures and training. Went over Guideline Brochure, term of office, size and makeup of the council.

Polaris Mission Statement

Went over the Polaris means jobs statement. Mr. Martinez went over the way he runs his program different from Mr. Graham. Members are on board with the changes to the program and also the welding equipment needed for the success of the students.

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Program Review

Mr. Martinez shared the ODE competencies for the program, members recommended new welding machine to stay current with industry. Mr. Martinez talked about the change in the program (Lincoln Electric curriculum) and how he would like to Certify the students to benefit their future. We discussed webxams and teacher generated test and ODE standards.

Program Data Discussion

The members were advised that the program enrollment for the 2016- 2017 school year is currently at 16 juniors and 18 seniors.

Equipment Needs and Recommendations

Members discussed the need for updated welding machines. The industry is in the inverter/digital world. The benefits of those types of machines are smaller, economic, multi processes. Each student would benefit from having their own booth and not being distracted by others (more welding time) members talked about the passage of the upcoming Levy.

Additional program specific agenda Items

Members suggested field trips to their shops with the students to get a better understanding on what is need to be a better welder and a good employee.

Council member feedback, questions and comments

Feedback from member about updating machines. Material donations and employment placement.

Spring meeting will be held at a time determined by each individual council leader but no later than May 12, 2017.