

Academy of Energy Resource Occupations

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

5:30PM – 6:30PM

PHS/RM D-6

4-13-2017

Meeting Called By: AERO Advisory Board

Type of Meeting: Agenda/Round Table Discussion

Facilitator: Tom Reed –AERO Academy Program Director

Recorder: Lisa Recendez –AERO Assistant and Job Developer

Attendees: Jamie Metz, Jim Rummell, Salma Aziz, Tom Reed, Dr. Michael Beebe, and Ryan Leasure

5:35 Meeting Called to Order

5:36 Minutes from March cannot be approved due to the lack of a quorum.

5:37 **AERO Academy Lead Report:** Porterville High School was recently toured by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (**WASC**). WASC is responsible for the accreditation of public and private schools. The WASC team appeared to be impressed with our campus and we will know the results of their visit soon.

-Students in Cruz Rivera's CTE class are currently learning how to repurpose items. Thus far it has been a success.

-AERO senior, Cindy Tapia is our current student ambassador. She has been working closely with the Pathways Office.

-There are still internships available. AERO students have taken the lead in filling them. On May 4-5, 2017 ten AERO students will participate in a solar panel installation in Lindsay as interns for Grid Alternatives. Many of our AERO students will be applying for the SunPower® Summer Solar Camp.

-AERO is currently in the process of setting up a forklift certification course for AERO seniors. We have submitted a purchase order request to cover our student registration fees for the WESTEC East Forklift Certification course which will be taught here on campus at PHS. All students taking the course may get certified, however only students who are eighteen may drive the forklift.

-The "College and Career" Mentor's Conference will be held on April 21, 2017 at the Porterville Church of the Nazarene. All AERO sophomores will attend.

5:51 **Porterville College Report:** None at this time as they are not present.

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5:52 Pathways Office Report: Ryan Leasure states that the College and Career Mentor's Conference will be on April 21, 2017. The Porterville Fairgrounds Exhibition will be held April 25-26, 2017. The SunPower® Solar Camp will be held July 17-21, 2017 and it has gained more student interest this year than in previous years.

6:00 Round Table Discussion: Jamie Metz states that he might be able to acquire two or three golf carts for our solar conversion projects.

Jim Rummell reports on the recent P8 meeting. PUSD would like to start the Cross-Pathway Project this fall. Tom Reed confirms that the project will start in August. Jim may have buyers for the salvaged wood.

Tom Reed states that AERO juniors and seniors currently have a 2-hour block period (6th & 7th) during weeks that do not contain a minimum day or a holiday. Our PHS AERO students have not had the chance to salvage wood and other items from the "G Street House" due to time constraints.

Salma Aziz states that block scheduling might be an issue but perhaps there is a way to modify it next year to allow more time for the project. It should be alright to implement a modified block schedule for seniors, as it is the junior and sophomore classes that are more difficult to establish. We will try to set aside at least one day a week for the project.

Jim Rummell and Tom Reed discuss details of the "G Street House" Cross-Pathway Project: Students will not be allowed to work in unsafe conditions. They may work on the site as long as the conditions remain safe to do so. The build-site will remain next to the east end of the PHS campus close to the wood shop. The west end would be too far away from necessary equipment and there is plenty of room on the east lot.

Dr. Michael Beebe introduces himself to the board and shares his vision for the future of the PHS Auto Tech Course/Shop. His freshman class will learn basic auto skills, including how to rebuild a motor and how to work on electrical systems, followed by metal fabrication. Dr. Beebe recently acquired 50 single cylinder engines from the disbanded automotive program at Monache High School. He would like to see students in his class create projects using their own scratch concepts. None of the vehicles created as class projects will be street legal. Dr. Beebe may implement an 8th/9th period afterschool program, as all auto shop projects will be fully fabricated on campus. He would also like AERO to purchase a Factory Five Kit Car - Type 65 Coupe /Basic Kit for \$15,990 as a project for the upcoming school year. It would be a solar powered dragster.

6:30 Meeting Adjourned

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