

HVAC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

April 20th 2018

Meeting was called to order at 12:15 on April 20th with the topics for discussion being job shadows, the house project, program continuation, advisory appointments and reappointments, 2018 fall numbers for students, status of the program moving forward, and tentative fall advisory meeting.

Those in attendance included Mason Mickelson, Heather Jones, Carla Hixon, Ron Nelson, Mike Kempel, Lee Friesz, and Ryan Okerson.

In discussion of the job shadow arrangements, Ryan Okerson suggested to continue the four job shadows instead of three, keeping the initial job shadow earlier in the first semester to enable the students to see the field earlier and ensure they are ready to proceed. Motion was seconded by Mason Mickelson and carried by Mike Kempel.

Ryan Okerson shared with the committee the progress on the house project. Also discussed the equipment supplied by Randy Mathern at Comfort Zone and the equipment operation.

Okerson brought forward a vote for the continuation of the program for the 2018-2019 school year and the vote was unanimous to continue the program for another year.

After discussion of the terms up as of this year, it was brought up to attempt to retain Mason Mickelson, Northern Plains Heating & Air, as a replacement for Adam Kaskie and replace Mike Kempel, Dakota Refrigeration with another member from the company for the 2018-2019 term. The motion was carried unanimously and invites will be sent out.

Enrollment numbers for the fall of 2018 were discussed with the number sitting at 10 enrolled students as of right now. Numbers should go up from this point.

Okerson indicated there are continued steps being made to move to more hands on instruction during classroom hours, instead of four hours of lecture each day, working to reduce to two hours, or less, in order for the students to actually do the work instead of hearing about it. The program is moving toward a more online approach, with the majority of the daily work moving to the internet, and the majority of class becoming hands on in nature.

Tentative date for the fall advisory committee meeting set for Thursday, September 20th.

Meeting was adjourned.