**NPC Welding Advisory Board Meeting**

**Silver Creek Campus—LC133**

**November 8, 2018**

**12p-2p**

In-Person— Frank Pinnell, NPC Faculty/Chair; Wes King, NPC faculty; Kevin Westfall, NPC Faculty, Carrie Jordan, NAVIT; Peggy Belknap, NPC Dean of CTE; Nicole Ulibarri, Apache County Coordinator; Tom Zeigler, CAID Industries; Chris Susag, APS; Ken Wilk, NPC Carl Perkins Grant Manager; Karen Zimmerman, NPC High School Program Coordinator

On Teleconference: Ralph Cordova, Praxair; Jerry Siko, Lincoln Electric

Note Taker: Pamela Dominguez

**Welcome/Introductions**:

Frank welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

**Industry Updates:**

**Apache County**: Had no updates.

**APS:** APS is reassessing their chrome welders. APS is starting a new process to weld welder tubes in one pass and will be part of their hiring welding test. Chris will get more information of welding certifications needed to Frank. NCCER program has on online testing with the base rate of $3 per module if bought in bulk $2 per module. The NCCER cards and certifications will be sent automatically once the students pass the tests. Paper tests will also be available.

**CAID Industries**: It has been six months since Samuels acquired CAID Industries. We are having a lot of training. Tom stated their looking at a dedicated pressure line that will cater to oil and gas industry. We have a lot of work on the books for different industries. We have four people at FABTECH this week for the sole purpose of looking at more subarcs to buy and enhance technology. We are looking for welders and CNC machinists with a correct work ethic. We are in negotiations to buy a company in Denver they are a skid manufacturer their focus is on oil and gas. CAID would like students to have more training in TIG welding. We have adjusted our starting wage to be more in line with industry.

**NAVIT:** Carrie would like information of former NAVIT students getting jobs.

**Praxair:** Ralph is seeing many job opportunities for more welders and equipment maintenance in Arizona and New Mexico.

**Lincoln Electric:** Jerry saw many job opportunities for welding students at the Arizona Construction Career Days. Cives Steel is going to open up a location in Phoenix. Lincoln Electric just introduced a new Power MIG260 welder and new virtual simulator TIG welder that allows two students to weld at the same time.

**NPC:** Winslow High School had 158 students tour the programs at PDC campus.

**Carl Perkins Grant:** Ken stated the grant has some funds available.

**NPC-HLC Visit/CTE Faculty Committee Work:** HLC visit is coming to NPC in November 2109. The college is preparing to show we are in compliance. NPC is in good shape and on track for this visit. Welding faculty are involved with committee work. Randy is co-chair of SPASC, Wes is member of IC (curriculum), and Frank is on SkillsUSA and the chair of two departments.

**Skills Center Update/NPC Investment:** The Skill Center at PDC did not go to bond; we used money the college saved. NPC has enough money to build a skill center to house ATO, WLD, Metal Art and an area for a different program depending on community needs at WMC. WMC will also make major improvements to the campus. A general education two-story building will be built there as well. The nursing department will have a whole building remodeled for them. LCC is being looked at for potential improvements.

**Metal Art Report/*Forged in Fire***: NPC Metal Art instructor, Howard Noble, was invited and competed in Forged in Fire Invitational Tournament. Howard competed in the armor part of the competition. The competition was by invitation and aired on the history channel.

**NPC Eagle Fest CTE Community Promotion:** Eagle Fest promotes our programs on campus. This semester Eagle Fest was at PDC. Eagle Fest had activities, free food, music, and program tours.

**Completers Ceremony/Career Day May 9, 2019:** Welding Career Fair will be held on the same day as the Welding Completers’ Ceremony on May 9, 2019. Enrollment is busting at the seams.

**Capital Equipment Report:** Ken is now our Carl Perkins Grant manager. The capital equipment received in welding: two locations received sheet metal benders, all three locations received heavy-duty rolling positioners and Fab tables, and WMC received a plasmacam. We also received a few new welding machines and ordered rigid pipe bevellers. Peggy mentioned NPC’s purchasing department is undergoing some changes. If they request a quote, they are following state statutes to be in compliance. If you should have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Peggy.

**SKILLS USA National report out, Regional competition needs:** NPC had 12 gold medalist at SkillsUSA-State in a few programs. Four welding students went to Nationals. Cosmetology had a gold and silver medalist at Nationals. SkillsUSA Regionals is February 1 and we are looking for judges, donations and prizes. Praxair and Lincoln are committed to donating materials and prizes. The award ceremony last year was a lot of fun; almost every competitor walked away with something. Every year the competition gets better and better.

**Industry Tours & Donations:** Students went on tours to SRP, Schuff Steel and Superior Steel. Donations allow our students to work on expensive materials. CAID Industries donated stainless steel, welding wire, subarc wire and other materials. Superior Steel and Praxair have also donated materials. CAID offered a tour for students.

Carrie thanked everyone for showing off their program for today’s Winslow tour and keeping students on the cutting edge to be more employable. Recruiters are out there working if there are students that want to take a tour contact Karen.

**Date for Next Meeting:** May 9, 2019.