

# AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Meeting Notes

Airport Campus, Lecture Hall, 11:30-12:30, 2-16-2022



### ATTENDEES:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Erick Anderson – Placer Subaru             | <input type="checkbox"/> Horald Mitton – Lithia Chevrolet                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark – Al Chaffee Tires                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Howard Reed – Lithia Dodge                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Croft – Capital High                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ronnie Robertson – Helena High                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don Cunningham – DJ’s Auto                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Glen Rubottom – Snap-On                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Fox – Point S Tire & Auto  | <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Thomas – Harry’s Brake                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Todd Harding – Capital City                | <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Iwen – Iwen Auto            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandy Bauman - Dean                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Johnson – Placer Motors    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tammy Burke – Exec Dir CTE                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kit Johnson – J4 Auto           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridget Guerin – Admin Assoc CTE          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce Knudsen – Montana Dealers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Hunthausen – Dir K-12 Partner              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frank Kolar – Kolar Tire                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Jones – Auto Mechanics Instructor    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Lillrose – Montana Dept Labor         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Stewart – Auto Mechanics Instructor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Lynch – Helena Motors                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Shelby Zander – Career Conn Coor        |

### 1. Apprenticeship Program

- a. Student Progress Within the Businesses
  - i. Placer – movement within the business is possible
- b. Areas Students Need Improvement
- c. Student Organization Skills
  - i. Inspections: Repair Shop Solutions, Auto Vitals, My Shop Manager
- d. Student Work Ethic – timely, stay busy, cell phone usage
  - i. Placer Student – punctual, busy, hard-worker, he’s at entry level, but is continuing to learn.
  - ii. J4 Student – started in early January, new career choice, doing well, mostly doing fluid & oil changes, 2<sup>nd</sup> year student so he is working afternoons, wants to be full time for the summer and in the future.
  - iii. Iwen Student – he has potential, mechanically inclined, but lacks ambition and is a slow worker without being pushed – spends too much time on YouTube.

- e. Interviewing/Hiring Process
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Year – all placed in local businesses
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> year – all placed in dealerships mostly
  
- 2. Open Discussion
  - a. MT State Prison Student Opportunity
    - i. Last Chance Pell Grant to give the inmates a step up before they are released with an education that should help them get a job.
    - ii. 10 students max who have at least 1 year left in prison, but no more than 5 years left to their sentence.
    - iii. Real-time virtual lecture class with Jerry and hands-on with a national trainer at MSP; they would receive a ACS.
  - b. Mechanics & Machining Night
    - i. February 16 – geared toward high school students and their parents.
    - ii. Students will tour facility while parents will visit with industry professionals.
  - c. Skills USA
    - i. First time being held at HC will be on April 5-9.
  - d. HC is doing more advertising.
    - i. Commercials during Olympics and the Super Bowl.
  - e. Hybrid Summit
    - i. First summit was during winter break; small group, but everyone seemed very happy with the training.
    - ii. Potentially having the second one in May.
      - 1. Restructure the days/nights to work with industry – discussion on having several night classes during a month, full day options on Fridays, etc.
      - 2. Business partners mentioned that during the work day would probably be best; employees are too tired to work during the day and then go to classes at night.