

# **Three Rivers Education for Employment System School-To-Apprenticeship Advisory Committee**

**Al's Steakhouse, 1990 Jefferson Street, Joliet IL**

**Monday, July 12, 2010**

**12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**

## **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review minutes of May 10, 2010
- III. Reports – Apprentice Coordinators
- IV. Reports – School Coordinators
- V. Situation Report – Prevailing Wage
- VI. Letters to students not placed
- VII. Date of 2011 Parent/Student Dinner
- VIII. On the job pictures
- IX. Other Business
- X. Next Meeting
- XI. Adjournment

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**May 10, 2010**

**4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

The meeting was held at Joliet Township High School Administration Center, located in Joliet beginning at 4:10 PM.

**Present:**

Tom Dardis, Three Rivers Construction Alliance  
John Drozdek, Carpenters Apprentice School  
Iris Flahive, TREES  
Marc Hucek, Lincoln-Way Central & East High School  
Mark Hulbert, Grundy AVC  
Neil Kauffman, BEST Partnership, JJC  
Don Kaufman, TREES  
Elizabeth Kaufman, Wilco Area Career Center  
John Manak, Lockport High School  
Tom Proffit, IBEW Joint Apprenticeship & Training  
Don Smoot, TREES  
Andrew Tomala, Joliet Central High School

Tom Dardis moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2010. The motion was seconded by Mark Hulbert and carried on a voice vote.

John Drozdek reported that prospects for carpentry placements are not good. He will make additional contacts at the end of May.

Tom Proffit noted that prospects are much better this year. Most apprentices are working. A new class is expected near the end of August.

John Leen has advised that he expects pipefitter placements as good as last year and perhaps considerable better. He noted that for the first time in 18 months, all apprentices are working.

A meeting with Mike Rorex and his training staff indicated that work is still slow for operators but may pick up in late summer. He will know about mid-June whether they will be able to take a student at ASIP.

Students from all schools except Wilco will be available for work on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Their last day of availability will be August 13<sup>th</sup>. Wilco students will be available June 3 through August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A critique of the parent/student meeting indicated that it went very well. No changes were suggested for next year.

Contact information was reviewed. Corrections should be forwarded to the TREES office. Student cell phone information is especially important.

The check list for summer 2010 placements was reviewed. Coordinators were asked to have necessary documents prepared before students last day of attendance.

Don Smoot reported that TREES has not received a payment from the State since October 2009, and is currently owed more than \$1,000,000. Much of this flows through to member schools.

TREES schools enrollment in CTE classes is going up but the percent of student enrolled in CTE is dropping. Much of this is due to increased graduation requirements spurred by no child left behind. He noted that studies indicate that in 10 years only 27% of jobs will require an associate degree or higher but that most jobs will require some specialized training.

In commenting on the new heavy equipment training class between Local 150 and Wilco, he noted that Patten Equipment (CAT) has considered STA a major source of new employees.

Neal Kauffman commented on the important role that CTE plays in the dual credit program with JJC. He also complimented schools on the excellent welding contest held recently at JJC.

Schools were reminded that the defective plaques, presented at the parent/student meeting, need to be returned and will be replaced with correct versions.

The next meeting will be on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at Al's Steak House.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

TO: «First\_Name» «Last\_Name»  
FROM: Donald Kaufman, STA Coordinator  
DATE: July 12, 2010  
RE: Job Placement

The School-To-Apprenticeship Advisory Committee met today to review the progress of placements to date and the prospects for the remainder of the summer.

As you probably know, construction is very slow in this area with many construction personnel out of work. Apprentice coordinators have worked very hard to place School-To-Apprenticeship students with limited success. While there may still be additional placements it seems certain that not all students will be placed.

If you have other employment, and/or for other reasons, do not wish to continue to be considered for School-To-Apprenticeship placement, please inform your school coordinator. This will prevent apprentice coordinators from unnecessarily calling you. If you wish to continue to be considered, please be patient as placement efforts are still being made.

It is unfortunate that the construction slow down has peaked this summer, limiting opportunities for School-To-Apprenticeship placement. Construction is a great career field and we hope that you will continue to pursue your interest.

***Enjoy the summer!***