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Advisory Board Meeting
Residential Building Technology
Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 8:00 a.m.
10 Meadow Terrace, Essex Jct. ([MAP](#))

Invited / Attending:

Rich Gardner - ReMax North Professionals (The Gardner Group) - Attending
Tom Chase - Neagley & Chase Construction - Attending
Seth Bortz - Rice Lumber - Attending
Kevin Daigle - Hegeman Electric - Attending
Ryan Ahern - ReArch - Attending
Kelly Deforge - Union Bank - Attending
Sarah Knight - CTE
Mathew Bruneau - CTE
Christopher Welch - CTE

Unable to Attend/ No Response:

Shaun Provost - Provost Mechanical - No Response
Don Stewart - Stewart Construction - No Response
Rich Wright - CTE - Unable to Attend
John Wolfe - CTE - Unable to Attend

Agenda

1. 8:00 am. Welcome
2. Introductions of Visitors and Staff - *Introduction of new members and returners.*
3. Building Residential Program Update for 2021/22 school year
 1. Student House Build Update - *Chris updated everyone on house progress to date and talked about the track to finishing for next year. Rich brought up the topic of future development and we spoke about no interest loans that might be available for future developments, more to come next year.*
 2. Program Scope & Sequence - *Chris made a couple copies of our programs scope and sequence document and went through some of the program participant numbers. In terms of industry certs that might be important moving forward. Ryan A. and Tom C. brought up the idea of boom lift and forklift certs would be valuable to graduates entering the industry to have. OSHA - 30 only important for foreman and supervisors*

but OSHA 10 is necessary for all employees. Kelly D talked about the importance of incorporating some sort of financial literacy into the program or push in literacy time. We talked about how we can increase the practical rigor of the program to produce better prepared and more confident graduates entering the industry. Ryan A. brought up the feeling that the state/AOE is handicapping technical education by insisting that so many academic classes are being integrated and practical time is becoming less and less. What as an industry can be done to help inform and integrate into technical education programs to produce better outcomes for those entering the industry. Tom C is going to work at the state level to help get these discussions going in the coming years when he retires.

3. **Program Going Forward (NEASC)/Retooling of BTC Program**
- The whole advisory board are determined to help the program succeed and flourish as so many changes are occurring at the state level. Helping to increase enrollment, provide challenging technical opportunities, provide motivational examples and resources and even funding to provide more specific and focussed training for those that are willing and able to push themselves. We all agreed that we need to find a way to reach or fund a way to reach students with technical opportunities at a younger age in order to grow Vermonts workforce from within.
4. **Continued Program Partnership Convo - Field Trips, CWE'S, CO-OPs** - *All industry representatives are open to hosting numerous CWE'S, Co-Ops, and field trips/ presentations anytime that we are looking and ready. We will plan a meeting at the house build site for sometime in September or October.*
5. **Adjourn**

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