

Advisory Board Meeting for Automotive Technology
May 6, 2010
WCHS Automotive Shop

In attendance was: Mr. Ernie Conner (CTE Director), Henry Bobbitt (Teacher), Tony Lindsey, Brad Leavitt, Jerry Johnston, Jay Gibbs, Buddy Isles, Bryan Rodwell, Brooks Clayton, Rodney Campbell and David Hight.

Dinner was served at 6:30 and Mr. Bobbitt opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Recertification Process for NATEF was explained. The recertification is every 5 years with a self-evaluation at the 2 ½ year period.

Jerry Johnston, Brooks Clayton and Rodney Campbell are part of the Recertification Team. After this process is completed they will then be members of the Advisory Board. Mr. Pressley, from Guilford Technical Community College, is working with Mr. Bobbitt and Mr. Conner on the recertification and will be back on Thursday, May 13th for the final steps.

NATEF works hand in hand with ASE and so the goal is to try and give students what is needed to aim them in the right direction. The Auto I program is 90% classroom instruction with the focus on safety and engines and 10% hands on experience. The Auto II program is 50% classroom instruction and 50% hands on. One semester is dedicated to brakes and the other semester emphasis is on electrical. Also, they are able to do oil changes and tires. The students work on their own vehicles as well as some of the staff's vehicles. Brad Leavitt, owner of CJ Auto Used Parts and Salvage, has offered to supply several used cars to use with hands on. Details are being worked out with this arrangement.

Since several of the advisory board members are employees of Car Quest and Snap-On Tools there is a possibility that the automotive shop can be used as a classroom for one or two night trainings through these companies. Car Quest strongly supports ASE.

Mr. Bobbitt asked for any questions or comments. Tony Lindsey asked for more detail about how electrical was taught and Mr. Bobbitt explained that there are 3 computers that have access to Shop Key Program where schematics can be printed off.

There being no further questions or comments the meeting adjourned at 7:30.