

On May 10, 2012 the Advisory Committee for Automotive Technology met in the automotive shop at Warren County High School at 6:30 p.m.

Members present were: Henry Bobbitt, Automotive Instructor WCHS, Ernie Conner, Director of Career & Technical Education, Wayne Aycock, Buddy Isles Jr., David Hight, Bryan Rodwell, Jerry Johnson, Toney Lindsey, Wayne Fogg, and Boyd Scott.

Dinner was served at approximately 6:45. After the meal Mr. Bobbitt welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. Introductions were made and most everyone knew each other.

There were not a lot of changes in the shop except for the purchase of a new lift. The old lift was a 2 post and it was leaking and was a hazard. New lift is working great and is much appreciated.

All automotive classes are going to the software Today's Class. Warren County is a pilot program right now but next year it will be mandatory. It is produced by Melnor, totally online and incorporates GM training. The students seem to enjoy it due to animation in the software. All teaching and testing is done through this program. Mr. Bobbitt had it pulled up on the computers for the one who may want to look at it.

Auto I and Auto II classes started off were smaller than they have been. In Auto I six out of eight students have finished all modules. This consists of 180 hours. The lowest score accepted is 80 and that is considered accomplished. Mr. Bobbitt had two female students in this class and he hopes to encourage more females to sign up.

All vocational testing is now done online. Mr. Conner has been very busy with the scheduling and very helpful with any issues that have risen.

Mr. Bobbitt thanked Boyd Scott, (Carquest in Norlina) and Bryan Rodwell (Carquest in Littleton) for their help with parts. The students in Auto I and II work on staff and student vehicles. They do oil changes, brakes, tire rotations, etc.

At this time Mr. Conner told the group how much he appreciated the support of each one and the community. Career and Technical Classes at WCHS are smaller due to New Tech High School and Early College not participating in CTE. Enrollment at WCHS is below 500 students and it can hold up to 1200 students. It is a challenge and he welcomes any suggestions

It was stated by Buddy Isles Jr. is now a member of the Career and Technical Education Advisory Board.

Mr. Conner asked for a picture to be taken and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.