

Collision Technology Department

Advisory Meeting Minutes

33 Smith Av. Westfield Ma.

March 20, 2019



Members present: Gary Cloutier, Alex Monnet, Cassandra Garlo, Harley Harris, Giles Masson, Alvin Brown and Roger Cardin.

Business discussed:

Meeting began at 6:05pm

- The guest speaker Mr. Papageorg was unable to attend because of a family emergency. I spoke with him and will try to reschedule him for our next meeting.
- Mr. Cloutier ask why a thermostat has not been installed in the classroom to control the heat. We were told during the meeting we had in January with the School Committee this would rectified. Mr. Cardin had no answer to the question.
- Heating problems in the shop was discussed. Mr. Harris asked about an update on the 2 broken heaters. We told the board bids were being taken at the present time and should be installed before next school year. Also nothing has been repaired on the number 2 paint booth.
- We also had no recent information on shop lighting, painting or dust collectors.
- No update on the intercom system. (safety concern)
- Our program budget should have no increase again this year. Mr. Cloutier stated the program was and has been under funded for several years which is a detriment to the student's education.

Ms. Garlo spoke to us about the need for technicians at Balise Collision. She needs a painter's helper and a parts person. I told her we would speak to Mr. Taloumis and arrange an externship with several students and possible CO-OP placement for those positions.