

DVR Industrial Technology Committee

Meeting 2 – Friday, November 12, 2010

Minutes

Attendees:

Steve Silca (Ridgewood High School), Frank Holthouse (Leyden High Schools), Greg Lindemann (Leyden High Schools), Joe Shilts (Leyden High Schools), Nick Michalek (OPRF), Ryan Vanherst (OPRF)

Lunch meeting held at ITEC conference in Normal, IL @ 12:00 pm.

Topics covered:

1. A good conversation took place among all present about the various engineering programs available to schools.
 - a. OPRF has started with Project Lead the Way and,
 - b. Leyden may start it next school year.
 - c. The state offers an Engineering by Design curriculum that Ridgewood H.S. is considering as well.
 - d. Topics included: different course offerings of the programs, cost of the programs, course sequencing, number of courses offered each year, impact on other Tech Ed courses in the department, and staffing.
 - i. Most teachers agreed that the programs impact and essentially replace CAD courses, but do not impact enrollment in other programs such as Autos, Metals, Woods, or Construction.
2. A safety discussion was held among the Construction and Woodworking teachers
 - a. Safety training procedures
 - b. Safety Quizzes
 - c. Use of specific machines with or without direct instructor assistance
 - d. Benefits of Sawstop safety table saw system
 - i. Currently each school has at least one of these saws. Each school is considering purchasing 1 more through DVR funds to eliminate any table saws without the Sawstop features.