

Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Present: Ronnie Watson, Elbre “Frosty” Hickerson, Ramon “Noon” Vela, James Mireles, Kelly Judice, Charles Kelly, and Cassi Laxton.

There was no old business discussed.

Mrs. Laxton updated the board on registration being underway for summer and fall classes.

Mrs. Laxton told the board the Allen Campus has a record number of graduates this year. Graduate numbers for the Allen Campus were outlined as follows:

- 23 Cosmetology Students (1 is a PHS Senior)
- 1 Barber Student
- 6 Welding Students
- 26 Academic Students with Associate Degrees (1 is a PHS Senior)
- 4 LVN students
- 20 of these 60 graduates are Pathways students

Upcoming plans were outlined in the following areas:

- Perryton ISD was awarded a grant to become an ECHS/P-Tech Academy which will allow students to gain a credential at zero cost to the student in the Health Sciences (Nursing), Welding, and Education pathways. This program will be implemented starting in the 23-24 academic year starting with the sophomore class. There will be about 20 students in the different pathways for each class cohort. FPC is the partner to help provide these credentials.
- Bus Driving classes are planned for May/June in partnership with Perryton ISD.
- CDL classes have been going well. The program has struggled due to equipment issues and trucks/trailers being out of service for periods of time. CDL revenue, expenses, and profits were discussed amongst the board. There was discussion around the need for one additional trailer for the Perryton program. Mrs. Laxton told the board there would be a new CDL class each month aside from August and December of 2023.

Other Discussion was detailed as follows:

- The Pathways Fundraiser/Silent Auction raised \$7,000 this year. The event was well attended and a success.
- The renovations to the workforce facility were discussed. An update was given by Mrs. Laxton including the information on the delivery of the welding equipment, diesel equipment, and the renovations completed to date. Renovations are still expected to be completed by early August, and classes should be able to start in that facility in the fall.
- Programs and classes that will be housed at the new workforce facility and anticipated start dates were discussed amongst the board.
- Introductory diesel classes continue and will through the summer term. The program cannot offer additional classes until it is approved by THECB and SACS. Program approval is expected in July of 2023.
- The anticipated budget for 23-24 was discussed amongst the board. Board members expressed concern over the proposed budget due to increases from additional facility operations. Mrs. Laxton presented the board with an outline of expenditures incurred to date at the workforce facility.

- Mrs. Laxton informed the board of the insurance claims filed by FPC for roof damages. The college has hired a firm to help navigate the claim process and maximize the claim amounts received. The Perryton Campus will be the first building to go through the process. The claim includes the Allen Campus roof and HVAC units.