Welding Advisory Meeting

Date: November 1, 2016

In Attendance: Rudy Kastelic, Interim Director of Adult Education, Richard Garcia (welding instructor), Nestor Cervantes (welding instructor), Kevin Patrick (Principal of National City Adult School), Mary Murphy-Clagett (TOSA for ESL/Citizenship/Distance Learning/CASAS/EL CIVICS), Mary Alvarado (TSA for Adult CTE)

Unable to Attend: Ivan Arroyo (welding instructor), William Borinski (Training Specialist – Principal BAE Systems)

After attending the Regional Industry Advisory meeting at City College on October 27th, we decided to come back together and review our curriculum and make changes based on regional advisory concerns/recommendations.

1. Prospective employees lacked workplace skills (soft skills) such as arriving to work on time, time management, communication skills, etc.
2. Many of the workforce had low level English skills and were unable to read the safety signs that were posted on the job site. The welding teachers expressed that some of the welding students would become frustrated because they were unable to understand the material in the textbook and would drop the class.
3. Students would benefit from an OSHA for maritime training.

After discussing the issues the team decided on the following:

1. Incorporate a Workplace Readiness component into the Welding Class
2. Kevin Patrick will try to arrange to have an ESL instructor go to the classroom two days a week to work on vocational English as well as to reinforce Workplace Readiness skills.
3. CTE will send an instructor, Richard Garcia, to become certified to teach OSHA for Maritime.