*Kishwaukee College Truck Driver Training Advisory Meeting Minutes*

Fall 2017

November 9th, 2017

Meeting called to order by Joe Dahm at 5:30pm in room A1220.

In attendance:

Ben Burch – Roy’s Transfer

Pat Burch – Roy’s Transfer

James Watson – Ryder

Terry Smith – Ryder

Jon Martin – Swift Trucking

Others present:

Matt King - Kishwaukee College

Greg Folkers - Kishwaukee College

Denny Herrmann - Kishwaukee College

Ron Arne - Kishwaukee College

Overview of Kish curriculum and additional training requirements:

Joe discussed the need for additional vehicle training hours that seemed to be very clear with several of the current and past students that were not passing their yard skills and road exams with the State on the 1st attempt.

Terry Smith gave a few examples of past employees from his company they have dealt with having minimal experience and having a hard time operating their vehicles early on in their fleet. He definitely agrees with adding additional training hours to our traditional 160 hour class.

Ben Burch said, he would strongly urge us to go to a 5 or 6 week program format especially with the new federal requirements that are scheduled to come out in 2020.

Discuss and update on: “Minimum Training Requirements for Entry-level Motor Vehicle Operators”:

Joe and Greg gave the group a detailed explanation on the new “Minimum Training Requirements” for “Entry-level Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators” that is scheduled to go into effect on 02/07/20 for all CDL training schools nationally.

Greg pointed out most of the highlights from the National Association of Publicly Funded Truck Driving Schools regional meeting, which we attended in October 2017. These include:

* Schools will need to adjust to a 5 to 6 week program to cover all the paperwork and data collecting information for the student. There will also be increased training hours which will be needed for the Trainer to sign off on each student to be cleared in the federal database for testing at the State level with an Examiner to complete their CDL license.
* Joe pointed out that procedures and training guidelines are still being written by the Department of Transportation which is the agency who is responsible for this new regulation.
* It was stated that all student progress reporting will be the Trainers responsibility to sign-off all documents and then sent to the federal office to process and give the student the clearance to be tested with his home State for the CDL licnese.

Matt added that these new standards will need to be implemented at our school by at least the 2nd half of 2019 to meet the deadline of February of 2020. He also said, “that there is a high possibility of an extension to the deadline based on what was explained at our October meeting with N.A.P.F.T.D.S. in Ohio.”

ELD video and discussion of the “ELD Final Rule Compliance Date” of 12/18/17:

(Note: ELD, Electronic Logging Device.)

Greg then showed an on-line video to the group from our training library that is through J.J. Keller, Inc. This video went into great detail of all the industry compliance information and requirements and examples for all size fleet companies and their commercial drivers. It gave clear expectations of what to expect with the new ELD regulation that will affect all levels of the transportation industry. We wanted to show this to our committee members so they can get an idea of what our students are getting with respect to the ELD training prior to them being employed with a company. This is in addition to the paper log books that they are trained with as well.

Jim Watson explained that their company has been equipped with ELD’s since the beginning of this year to meet the deadline date of 12/18/17. He thinks that the new ELD regulation will make drivers safer and should help assist with better planning for freight dispersement throughout their company.

Pat Burch stated that our training video was a very helpful tool and she asked to possibly have us come out to her shop to show it to her drivers so that they all could see the safety benefits and industry applications that the new ELD Regulation is going to offer for her fleet.

Finally, Joe took a vote from the group to see if the Spring Advisory meeting should be held on

May 10th, 2018. Everyone agreed on this date at 6pm.

Then, Joe adjourned the Fall meeting at 7:12pm.