

**Crockett PTECH Construction Program Partnership Meeting Notes**  
**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**  
**1:00pm-2:00pm**

The Crockett PTECH Construction Program Partnership Meeting began at 1:00 pm in the construction technology building.

Ms. Charla Merrel began the meeting by asking the 24 attendees associated with each group of partners (Austin Community College, AISD, and industry, business, non-profit, economic development) to raise their hand.

An overview of the purpose of the PTECH Grant and the Construction Program was given by Ms. Merrel to include the following:

- Grant Blueprint Benchmarks and Outcomes-Based Measures
- Crockett partnership members and contact information
- Review industry partners Memorandum of Understanding
- Austin Home Builders Association Meeting Notes, Dec. 3, 2018

Crockett was granted one of 35 PTECH grants awarded in the state. The \$259,490.00 award is to support the program in the ways described in the Blueprint. The program consists of both the high school program and the dual credit component. Both high school courses and college courses make up the Construction Academy program.

The Austin Community College Associate of Applied Science in Construction Management and the Carpentry Specialization Level 1 Certificate course requirements were reviewed. Students receive free tuition for all dual credit courses while in high school and for 2 years after graduation if enrolled in the AAS courses to earn the associate degree at completion of the program. High school students in the dual credit courses are currently constructing two tiny houses and the high school credit students are constructing large storage sheds.

Opportunities for partner participation were discussed. Some of the ways partners may participate are as follows: Occupational related projects, Classroom presentations, Site visits, Student internships, Teacher externships, Mentoring, Employment, Work-based or industry related training, Student scholarships or recognition, Professional development for instructors and/or students, Summer programs, Resource acquisition, Gift/fund supplies or mini-grants and/or Program sustainability. Ms. Merrel mentioned that the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) will conduct a summer camp in the construction facility the second week of June. Female 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from Bedichek and Covington are being invited to participate. Industry partners are very interested in ways that students under 18 can participate in work-based internships. She explained that we could either use the liability insurance as a part of the new Construction Explorer post at Crockett or through a training plan.

Ms. Merrel asked partners to submit signage that could be posted either in the shop area or on the fence enclosing the student projects. A logo may also be sent to her to be used on printed materials.

Presentations, work-based training and site visits will occur on Fridays for the college students and at scheduled times for the high school program.

Attendees were given a Participation Form and asked to complete and submit back to Ms. Merrel. The form will also be emailed to partners to complete or just to reply back to the email with the types of participation that are possible. A databank will be developed to track participation.

The group was approached to select a chair, co-chair and secretary or note taker or to volunteer to fill one of these roles. Tara Hernandez indicated that she would like to serve in one of the roles. Meeting frequency and duration will be determined based on need as will committee formation.

The group was informed that a Crockett Construction Explorers post will begin this spring.

The meeting concluded at 2:00 pm