South Central College Safety Committee Minutes

Monday, March 16, 2015


Absent: Heidi Wyn, Terry Meschke, Heidi Andersen,

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm, Al Kluever presiding.

1. Approval of Safety Committee Minutes from 11-03-14 and 01-26-15. Lisa Matzke mentioned that she was present at the January meeting. Correction made. Nona motioned approval, Steve seconded.

2. Reviewed the 3 incidents with students at the Fire School. One student went to ER others were treated on site. Bobby stated that instructors do keep an eye out for safety. They do employee safety officers at the burns. One incident the student had gloves on that he had just purchased from a vendor at the school and the glass still went through the glove. The incident with the drawer, Bobby stated that normally the vendor is there to take care of opening of a drawer, but was not this time and the student inadvertently pulled it out all the way onto their leg. The third was a small sliver of wood.

3. Al informed all that he will be attending the MnSCU Safety Officers meeting in St. Paul on April 21. He along with a group of other safety officers have been selected to be on this committee. If anyone has concerns he is more than willing to bring them up at this meeting.

4. OSHA Consult review from March 11. Toured only maintenance and custodian areas on both campuses. Al stated that the obvious violations that are usually present were not found. The group had to dig to find violations. Also, discovered some fire code violations. Al was impressed with how well it went and thanked everyone for their good work in maintaining a culture of safety.

5. Al recently at Winona State and Rochester for OSHA consults. Also, will be helping out at MSU, Mankato on April 28.

6. Al is bringing in Mike Larson from OSHA Consultation to do noise monitoring of power equipment used in grounds at SCC in July. In September he will have Mike come back to do air quality monitoring in some of the labs where it should be done.

7. Al stated that he and Russ are working with a collaborative involving the City of Mankato, City of North Mankato, City of Eagle Lake, Blue Earth County, Nicollet County and surrounding townships as well as Mankato State University and SCC to put together a working stormwater pollution control plan (MS4). Mankato and North Mankato already have plans and all jurisdictions will work to formulate one plan that covers all entities. This will be done rather than to go out and hire a consultant to do the plan for SCC. We will have some work to do around our North Mankato Campus such as tank containment, dumpster containment. This does not affect the Faribault Campus.
8. Al and Jay Schmidt talked a little bit on the Student Safety Contract that Jay Schmidt has been using in his HVAC classes. Talked about an agreement for safety between the instructors and the students. Jay said he has been having less safety issues with this. Al also mentioned that in CIM the instructors are monthly having the students form groups and look through the lab for any safety violations they can find. The issues they find are then resolved with Al’s assistance.

9. Al discussed the safety training and stated that a flow chart has been sent to all administrators and supervisors and department chairs showing them how to check on employees to see progress on completing monthly training modules. Jim Z asked about having D2L send out reminders to people. Al did check on this and was reminded by Juliann that when tried previously sometimes it would send reminders to people that thought they had completed, which caused some hard feelings, so maybe better to let supervisors monitor this. Emails are always sent to those who are responsible to view the segments.

10. Blackboard Connect. Some people have signed up for this and are still not receiving the emails or notifications. Al will check into this. Stated that only a small number have completed their profiles, maybe 2-300.

11. Bobby suggested that when air monitoring is done in Sept, the welding area would be a good area to check.

Meeting was adjourned at 1pm.