



Meeting Began at 9 am, December 17, 2019, at Marathon oil, 212 N. Clark St..

At attendance VJ Smith, Ruben Iguaran, and Ysidro De La O

Agenda:

Skill for students:

We talked about what skills our students need to be successful in their jobs and career. Ruben talked about making what our students learn in class relevant. He remembers when he thought he was learning something in class that he would never use again, but then he did at his job. We talk about CAD drawing skills and being able to read them, he recommends that all our student learn how to read them.

Grant: Del Valle High school received a grant from Marathon oil and we update them as to the status of our purchases. We talked about the milling machine and how we are going to use it manually and with its built-in computer. The goal is to train them with the latest technology in manufacturing. We want to have a showcase with the media so that it will highlight the equipment that DV has.

UTEP Mobile trailer: Marathon oil has bought a trailer with the help of UTEP engineering to showcase different sides of engineering to the community. Their idea is that the trailer will have different equipment that will help attract students into the field of science, engineering, technology, and mathematics. It will be called discover E, it will have tools, equipment, technology and other items. Dean of engineering, Theresa Maldonado, is working with marathon oil to set up this recruitment tool. It will target middle school and high school.

First Robotics: We talked about the general structure to first given that Ruben is working with us for the first time. He is an environmental engineer who is helping VJ with the outreach part of their job. We also talked about get employees of Marathon to mentor our kids during the FRC season. VJ and Ruben will talk to other employees and find out if they would like to volunteer. They might have a volunteer program that allows their employees to get paid or receive some type of compensation. Hopefully we can finally get a mentor or two from Marathon Oil.



Last comments: VJ informed me that if I can get the military to mentor us we could possibly then be eligible for a grant. I will need to look this up and determine if this is true.