

Northland Pioneer College
Minutes for Community Outreach at
Springerville/Eagar Center
10/25/07

Meeting began at 1:30pm.

Melissa Webb, Center Manager, welcomed Dr. Henderson, Mark Vest and community members.

Those present introduced themselves and who they represent.

Present: Dr. Henderson, Mark Vest, Karalea Kowren, Dr. Heinrich, Tamara Osborne, Melissa Webb, Suzanne Trezise, Jim Brown (for Travis Udall), David Hanson, Loylelin Aceves, Linda Martin, Michael Zimmerman, Jamie West, Mary Hammond, Eva Wilson (for Town of Eagar), Todd White, Ernie Tomlinson, Todd Bosen.

Karalea explained Apache County contracts with Northland Pioneer College to provide services in this county. She added that NPC does an excellent job providing services. We are pleased with our relationship with the college.

Dr. Henderson explained the purpose of community outreach. He updated the group on the accomplishments of the college, although we were focused internally. There are 3 new programs: Medical Assisting, Heavy Equipment and new cosmetology in St. Johns. The college revised signage, logo, etc. Dr. Henderson also discussed an important science grant that was recently awarded.

Melissa presented the 2 year update, which was actually an update from August 2007 to the present. Update included a new student lounge area, parking lot expansion, new instructors, and student activities. Suzanne Trezise added that we had 100% GED success from the summer program. Karalea added that our FTSE was up because we put off cut day and spoil the students. She also said that Melissa and Suzanne have set high goals for the center.

Community Members then had the opportunity to express their ideas and concerns.

Teri Neff, Apache County Workforce: local, short-term certifications

Randy Heinrich, RVUSD Administrator: customer relations, hospitality, teacher education, para-professional aids need training

Michael Zimmerman, CEO, White Mountain Regional Medical Center: Lab techs, pharm. Techs, he is helping Melissa with finding an A&P instructor.

Power Plants: Interested in the heavy equipment program and enhancing and improving our current ITP classes.

Jamie West, NACOG Head Start: Happy to see Social Work is offered locally.

Jim Brown, RVUSD: concerns about NAVIT, national accreditation, dual enrollment issues.

Mark Vest discussed the “Early College Model” and how it would work in our block schedule. Karalea said she would talk with Renita Kirkham about this.

Mary Hammond, NACOG HeadStart: GED for local people, transportation is a huge issue with our parents.

Mark added that we have scholarships for gas money and such. He will talk with Suzanne about these opportunities.

Discussed improving college services.

Randy Heinrich said that he would like the audio/video instructors to come out to the centers for more contact with the students. Dr. Henderson explained that NPC instructors normally teach about 7 classes and there has to be careful planning to make that happen. It is a good idea.

Summary by Dr. Henderson:

Dr. Hendeson stated that he understands we need more programs and there is better planning now for new programs coming. He will look at hospital careers, education for para-professionals, and heavy equipment. We will work with the school district in NAVIT and dual enrollment issues. Dr. Henderson added that he will not schedule classes online that will “cannibalize” live classes.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm (exactly).

Respectfully submitted,

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