

The Learning Cornerstone
Community Advisory Committee Meeting
May 17, 2006

Attending:

Marlene Begay, Navajo Nation Department of Workforce Development
Willie Begay, NPC Special Sites Coordinator
Helen Billy, Navajo Nation TANF
June Curtis, Navajo Nation Department of Workforce Development
Claude Endfield, NPC Early Childhood Development
Heidi Fulcher, NPC Developmental Services
Holly Nelson, Navajo County WIA
Leesa Roundy, Holbrook Headstart
Ina Sommer, NPC student
Cassandra Truax, NPC Special Sites Coordinator
Heidi Wiessner, NPC student & Learning Assistant
Tomie Zamora, NPC Developmental Services

Minutes of February 22, 2006 meeting were approved.

Have two new members this meeting Heidi Wiessner and Ina Sommer are student representatives.

NPC Report:

Heidi Fulcher – Dean, Division of Developmental Services, Winslow:

TLC celebrated Arizona Literacy week February 19-25. Little Colorado Campus, Winslow; Silver Creed Campus, Snowflake; White Mountain Campus, Show Low; and Whiteriver Center held book exchanges. All sites had a read-a-thon with TLC students participating. Forty students received T-shirts, water bottles, etc. as prizes.

The State Technical Assistant Review (STAR) visit was here in April. The STAR team will compile a report and meet with us in June to discuss it. The STAR report will help TLC with its program review. Both STAR and NPC program review were scheduled to be complete this May; since we won't have STAR results until June (and because we ran out of time TLC's NPC program review has been postponed until October. We will still use the data Institutional Research has supplied this year – and some we are waiting on. Program review is done every five years and consists of pass rate, cost per student, number of students in our general education program, etc.

The ABE project provides a little over \$250,000 to NPC's TLC budget each year. Carl Perkins grant helps pay 29% of our learning assistants salaries at 10 locations; this grant will continue for the next budget year.

Special sites will have 6-week classes this summer. TLC is having two 4-week sessions at campuses and Whiteriver Center. The of NPC is only having 1 summer session.

TLC bought 4 laptops with printers for special sites from our ABE budget. The AECEP project is paying full time instructors to survey students and analyze needs for improvement/professional development. The program is trying to improve student retention and success.

Arizona Association for Lifelong Learning (AALL) conference will be June 2, 2006 in Winslow. Anyone of our community advisory members is welcome to attend; just fill out her registration form hand in after the meeting or FAX to us by Friday.

Member Reports:

Masrlene Begay – NDWD Greasewood:

Ganado High School may only have 30% of the seniors graduating but all will walk at the ceremony. Another AIMS test will be held in July for the rest of the seniors. Still recruiting for summer program.

Willie Begay – NPC Coordinator Navajo/Apache Counties:

Three students graduated:

1 from Ganado

1 from Ft. Defiance

1 from Chinle who is now going to Apollo college in Phoenix.

Summer classes for special sites are:

2 labs at Chinle

1 lab at Pinon

3 labs at Ft Defiance

2 labs at Ganado – new instructor is Cythnia Beverforden

Saba – no classes – need MOU

Helen Billy – Chinle Dini’ Empowerment Center TANF:

TANF has a success class for 24 clients at Pinon and is working with Workforce to get clients to work and classes. Of the 800 TANF cases in Chinle 300 of those need GED’s. Program might have money in October for clients to go to school. TANF is using the level 9 & 10 TABE test E, M, D, A. Need help on learning how to read scores.

June Curtis – NDWD Greasewood:

Lots of money available. Still recruiting and enrolling. NDWD wants to see more youth participants. Has great need for classes in the Dilkon area. Would NPC provide computer training at our sites?

Claude Endfield – NPC – EDU:

Free tuition workshop August 3 & 4 at the PDC Campus for residential dorm workers.

Holly Nelson – WIA Navajo County:

No GED Plus classes in Show Low this summer but having it in an outline area. Need youth and adult clients.

Leesa Roundy – Holbrook Headstart:

Took a survey of parents of the 76 children enrolled this year:

5 parents had a GED

19 parents did not have high school or GED

1 parent went up to 7 grade

2 parents went to 9th grade

7 parents went to 10th grade

9 parents went to 11th grade

One parent is working on GED now. Have money available to help pay for GED test and EDC classes.

Ina Sommer – NPC student representative Winslow:

Good news! Tuition is going down from \$42 to \$40 per credit in the fall.

Cassandra Truax – NPC Coordinator Whiteriver:

AALL storytelling is now on there web site for the short 3 to 5 minute stories about life changing experiences. Will be visiting sites to check on technology.

Heidi Wiessner – NPC student representative Holbrook:

Working on data for state program. Finishing up the semester paperwork.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, August 9, 2006

11:30-1:30 MST

CEC (tentative) Holbrook, Arizona