

NPC Construction Advisory Committee
10/30/2012 11:30 – 1:00 PM
Campus: WMC Aspen Center RM 111

In attendance: Steve Sims, Gary Townsley (via conference phone), Ron Gates, Matt Weber, Peggy Belknap, Tamara Martin, Ken Wilk, Jeremy Raisor, Bonnie Stallings, Jason Carter, and Joe Costion. Guests: Terri Neff

Welcome: New Member Bonnie Stallings Apache County Admin Coordinator and guest Teri Neff. Attendees briefly introduced themselves for benefit of new members.

Ken Wilk: Skills Center groundbreaking :

Photos of the event: <http://www.npc.edu/npc-gallery/set/72157631828217859>. The new 26,000 sft Skills Center on the Holbrook – Painted Desert Campus on Friday, October 19, 2012 celebrated its groundbreaking. Construction, Welding, and Mechatronics will be housed in the facility. NPC recently received a portion of the TAACT grant in a partnership with Estrella, Pima, Chandler-Gilbert, and other community colleges to help create training and stackable credentials opportunities for students seeking jobs in the energy sector.

Peggy: About 500,000 of this grant will help fund the Mechatronics program and provide funding for 5 new positions at the college.

Jason Carter of Whiteriver construction (company is recipient of PDC Skills Center Contract) confirmed the skills center is on track thus far.

Bonnie: Hopefully the potash permits will be issued by March (2013). Likely OSHA training needs for Apache County

Teri: Flagger Training course may be needed for DES students in both counties.

Peggy: Data is needed for this.

Joe: One source for potential needs is ADOT contracts released.

Curriculum

Jason: Why is there a theatre class?

Ken: The technical theatre class builds the sets used for the plays. We have two certificates of proficiency for our program, a certificate of applied science, and an associate degree of applied science. Our business plan was accepted by instructional council course are in the process of being approve.

Peggy: We have some tentative approvals for the business plan the Construction Program is not approve in its entirety. We are in the process of receiving approvals for the classes.

Ron: Navajo county Public works needs safety training. Stressed the importance of keeping the class enrollment numbers small to train people in the county; questioned the enrollment size for our classes.

Peggy: emphasized that small classes were economically unfeasible to teach we need 15 students for the costs to make the classes feasible.

Teri: Flagger training could be in high demand. We need short duration classes and work readiness for unemployed and under-employed people. Give them hope; \$100 to \$150 per class.

Joe: these are perennial issues

Bonnie: OSHA, MSHA, Safety, Resume skills, and CDLs

Construction Career Days Event March 1(10am to 2pm) and 2 (9am to 3pm) 2013

Steve: April is Earth Day. The White Mountain green would like to be involved in career days. DLR and Pro-build could be good invitees. Barbara Bruce is a local celebrity and is real good and promoting these events

Teri: Local Business and TEP should be involved

Joe: Could probably bring the Coconino Community College trailer that is used for non-credit trainings at NPC and promote those classes.

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 6th at 11:30am to 1:00 pm in show low at White Mountain Campus

Adjourned at 1:00 pm