

## Northland Pioneer College

### Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2012

**NPC Staff Present:** College President, Jeanne Swarthout; VP of Learning & Student Services, Mark Vest; VP of Administrative Services, Blaine Hatch; Kayenta Center, Manager, Lorraine Benally; Center Advisor, Myrtle Dayzie-Grey;

**Other Higher Institution Present:** NAU, Sonja Jones and Lorinda Nuvayestewa; Dine College, Phyllis Begay; KUSD#27: Superintendent, Harry Martin and School Board Member, Ruth Gilmore.

**Community Members Present:** Kayenta Township: Andre Cordero and Gabriel Yazzie. Charlie and Lillian Smith; Tess Dayzie; Students: Heavenor Salt, Tahlilah Chief, and Bobby Singer.

#### I. Introduction

10:15 AM Lorraine Benally,

#### II. Discussion

- 10:30 AM: KUSD #27 Superintendents asked about funding according to NPC FTSE
- 10:35 AM: College President Swarthout explain funding overall NPC Campuses and Sites
- 10:44 AM: VP Vest explains NPC's wait on Hospital. Touch up on Model Classroom. Joint technical education with NATIVE such as awaiting agreement and certification. Also working with NAVIT to set up Welding classes at multiple NPC sites.
- 10:50 AM: Community member, Tess asked how far along for NPC to begin the welding program; could it be possible for as early as Fall 2013?
- 10:52 AM: KUSD27 Superintendent address the need to get NPC and NATIVE to start rolling for our Community with these programs: Welding, Preschool, Nursing, Medical Office/Assistant classes.
- 10:56 AM: Location of Future NPC-Kayenta Center
- 11:05 AM: Myrtle-Degree swifts according to building complexes going in our Community
- 11:08 AM: Student, Bobby – introduction as student and community member. Bobby is working with a Committee towards completion of our new hospital. Addressed the problems encountered with the Audio and Video system for the past two semesters – systems are very unfriendly. Bobby visited NTUA and Frontier about these communication lines that affect him as a student with NPC. He asked if NPC is doing any discussion for a better network system.
- 11:13 AM: College President Swarthout answered that they don't really have an answer regarding the issue of network problems.
- 11:15 AM: VP Vest answered that Kayenta is the only NPC Center that have network problems because of Frontier's band width issues.
- 11:25 AM: Community member, Lillian Smith asked NPC if they get a piece of land here in Kayenta, what would NPC build first to show if they'll stay and how big of a land would NPC need for a Center.
- 11:28 AM: President Swarthout answered, "Our commitment to the Native Community remains strong; Hopi Center is about 2 acres; NPC needs Student accessible, out in an open area, and close to the main road. President is very concerned about the present location of the Kayenta Center. "Higher institutions here in Kayenta have an obligation to work together for students' multiple options to remain open. Team or nothing.
- 11:35 AM: Kayenta Township Manager, Andre Cordero – discussion on location, studies on sites for businesses and/or institutions. Andre acknowledged that Lorraine is a very strong advocate dedicated to NPC. To the president, he reminded of their discussion about funding available but has not seen any as of a year ago. Kayenta is moving and we are not slowing down. Kayenta Township will support NPC in every possible way such as for business site and surveying.

- 11:45 AM: President Swarthout said they were having discussion with the Navajo County but is no longer a subject.
- 11:48 AM: Andre said the Township has a building if the NPC Administrators would like to take a look after the meeting.
- 12:00 PM: Diné College, Phyllis Begay talked about their new College President, Maggie George is in the process of downsizing outreach center such as Kayenta. DC-Kayenta Center will only be offering ITV Classes so DC will continue to have a Kayenta Center. Phyllis asked KUSD27 Superintendent where all his HS graduates are going. Phyllis stated that their Kayenta site is scaling back major issues and major issues with health care fields. She addressed that the higher institutions need to prepare students for college courses; students coming out of HS are not ready – why? She wants to discuss how we help these students and FA and ONNSFA will not fund these students. Phyllis stressed collaboration.
- 12:35 PM: President Swarthout intervenes with Phyllis that a problem she has been addressing is like that everywhere.
- 1:00 PM: KTC, Andre asked about certain courses not being taught.
- 1:05 PM: President Swarthout answered, “the problem is finding highly qualified Instructors; GED is becoming pricey and is going online. ADE is getting a huge hit.”
- 1:10 PM: meeting came to a close.

### **III. Possible Site Visit**

NPC Administers and Kayenta Center Staff travel to the proposed building by Kayenta Township.