

NPC Community Outreach  
Wednesday, November 20, 2013  
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Whiteriver, Arizona 85941

Attendees:

Blaine Hatch – Vice President Administrative Services  
Mark Vest – Vice President for Learning and Student Services  
Leola Larzelere - Director (White Mountain Apache Tribal Head Start)  
Rick Swearingin - Principle (Alchesay High School)  
Kelley Harvey-Brannon – NPC Center Manager (Whiteriver)  
Tony T Williams – NPC Clerk/Library (Whiteriver)  
Loretta Pusher – Higher Education (White Mountain Apache Tribe)  
Loretta Goklish – Higher Education (White Mountain Apache Tribe)  
Paul Kuehl - Firefighter Chief (White Mountain Apache Tribe)  
Dawn Johnson – NPC TLC Instructor (Whiteriver)

Kelley Harvey-Brannon:

- Remodel structure:
  - Change class room structure for student to feel NPC is available in their educational endeavors.
- New Programs:
  - AIS – classes under the business program.
  - Construction Technology, Drafting, and Mechatronics Engineering Technology
- Expansion:
  - Nursing building
    - Updated skill center
    - For Nursing and EMT students taking NAT Classes
    - Larger space to provide both lecture and laboratory classes
    - Spring 2014 Biology classes will be reintroduced (min 10 students)
    - Model Classroom
      - Nutrition and Medical Terminology
- New Center Manager:
  - Kelley Harvey-Brannon
  - Focus
    - Student oriented – focus on student concerns and awareness to reach student goals. “Positive” environment.
- Advisor/Library Position:
  - Currently open
  - Projected to be fill by December 2, 2013
- Support:
  - Front desk staff are supported by the Holbrook PDC staff and the Executive Team
- Windmill Technology – Eric Bishop
  - Staying connected through email, phone, text, etc.
  - Staying online
  - Requesting learning materials or lectures on DVDs/CDs from instructors
- COMPASS Test
  - Bench mark student on education level
- Testing Center - future

Mark Vest:

- Strategic Plan
  - Focus on output
  - What do students need to set goals?
- Student Completion Agenda
  - Need to meet with students on regular basis throughout education goal and determine if any goal changes need to be made. If changes are made, are the goal changes to the student’s advantages?

- Student Completion Agenda
  - Work with students in completing goals
    - Statistics shows Strategic Plan does work
  - Recruit students regardless of educational level
- Technology Issues
  - Distance Learner/Whiteriver Center/Online Classes
    - Towers in various locations on the reservation relays signal and weather will disrupt or disconnect signal relays
- Technology Issues
  - Windmill
- Model Classroom
  - WRV has more Distance Learner (20%) than any other NPC sites and has an extra channel, which airs additional classes
  - Math and Science tutoring to complete goals
  - Finding tutoring instructors
  - White Mountain Apache Tribal Council approval
    - OSHA classes
    - National accreditation
    - Tribal member credits after completing GED
- Projects
  - NPC Board has not approved additional projects
- Skill Center
  - Renovation Issues – will cost more to renovate buildings on reservation
- Blue Bird
  - Allied Health
    - Direct Care Worker Certification – home care skills
      - Approved under new national health care system
- Nursing Building
  - Nursing Assistant, Phlebotomy, etc.
- Federal Grant
  - GARA
    - Increase enrollment for low income and 1<sup>st</sup> college student in family
    - WRV Center will be the main office
      - Interest in Cibique and Canyon Day locations
    - Partner with White Mountain Higher Education Department
    - Caution –depending on budget
- Biology Classes
  - Needs min of 10 students
  - Class has been dropped in the past due to low enrollment
- Community Members
  - Need to promote tribal members in staff, administrator, and instructor positions
- Education Cost
  - 1/3 fewer students paid by 3<sup>rd</sup> party
  - Need to fund students but funding availability has decreased
  - January 2014 GED cost will increase and go online
- Pell Grant
  - Changed funding based on semesters, not credits
  - 10% full-time student at WRV Center

Blaine Hatch:

- Challenges
  - Staying connected and networking
- Technology
  - Infrastructures in the budget
- Accreditation
- Budget – 3 major sources
  - Property Tax
  - State

- Tuition
- Education
  - Needs to be easily access and established where needed

Loretta Goklish:

- WRV Skill Center
  - What become of proposed site?
  - Renovation issues
  - Need to find a suitable building on reservation
  - TLC
  - 2013 – 20 White Mountain Apache Tribal college graduates
  - Tribal Scholarship
    - Availability and student financial needs/support

Leola Larzelere:

- RN Program
  - NAT Classes
    - May need to start later in morning
- Native American Student goals
  - Skills need to be learned through NPC – TRIO Grant
  - May feel unwelcome at NPC Centers due to feeling discriminated against and/or racial issues (eg. “oh, another Indian”)
  - Children’s attitudes need to be changed in the home at an early age
  - Why math is difficult for Native American students?
  - Goes back to whether instructors passionate about teaching or not
  - Instructors need to know and understand individual Native American background
- Early Childhood Development Classes
- Funds and budget shortage
- Past NPC bill need to be updated

Paul Kuehl:

- Budget
  - Past NPC bill
  - Had volunteered to teach fire safety classes at WRV Center
  - Firefighter Certification and fire safety classes were discontinued at WRV Center due to non-approval by NPC

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