

Northland Pioneer College
Community Outreach
Wednesday, November 5, 2014
1:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. RM- 118

Attendees:

Jeanne Swarthout, Ph.D. – President – Northland Pioneer College
Blaine Hatch - Vice President Administrative Services
Mark Vest – Vice President for Learning and Student Services
Betsyann Wilson – Director - NPC Friends and Family
Kelley Harvey-Brannon – NPC Whiteriver Center Manager
Leola Larzelere – Director White Mountain Apache Head Start
Ashley McCreery – NPC Whiteriver Center FWS/Student – Meeting Minutes
Victor Velasquez – Executive Director – White Mountain Apache Housing Authority
Leon Moody – Deputy Chief – White Mountain Apache Fire & Rescue
Tara Frank – Liaison - Alchesay High School
Jennifer Plath – Director of Federal Programs WUSD
Marjorie Quade – Director – White Mountain Apache Workforce Investment Act Program
Loretta Goklish – Department of Higher Education - White Mountain Apache Tribe
Jana Towne - Whiteriver Service Unit (IHS)

Kelley Harvey-Brannon:

- Enrollment has doubled at the Whiteriver Center
 - Growing programs to meet students' needs
 - Whiteriver has over 100 Full time equivalents enrolled for FA14
- Updated Technology
 - A model classroom was added to the TLC
- TLC (The Learning Corner Stone) has expanded
- Construction going on at the center
- Debra McGinty is the Whiteriver Center Advisor and is also the NAT101 Instructor

Dr. Swarthout:

- Strategic Plan
 - Goes by a 3-year strategic plan to update the board on accomplishments.

- Meeting is meant to reach out to see where NPC needs improvements
- Budget and what the communities need
- Familiarize young students with college
- Accreditation
- Scholarship changes
 - Finish Line – If students who are currently enrolled has 12 credits left to finish their degree, this scholarship will waive the tuition for those final 12 credits; however, does not include books
 - College Bound Scholarship - Maintaining a grade point average, can take 28 general education credits at a community college while in High School for FREE which will save the family a significant amount of money
 - Need public speaker to speak to Alchesay High School students even Junior High students who are starting to think about these scholarships available to them as early as their sophomore year. Students need to learn more about and use these resources
- Summer tuition – Is set at half the enrollment fee of \$66 per credit starting summer 2015. Pell grant will not fund some summer students. NPC is striving to build a stronger summer enrollment
- Students are primarily seeking “Job ready” programs, which are growing programs in the current economy

Mark Vest:

- TLC – The Learning Corner Stone will be changing their name soon to CCP (College and Career Preparation). This program is a bridge class for students not ready to take college-level coursework.
- The Whiteriver Center has a lab, we need to use it. The college is planning to offer Biology and Chemistry as long as the college can increase the number of students enrolled.
- 8 week courses instead of 16 weeks – Time and completion rates are the largest barriers. Shortening the process will give the students a chance to accomplish their degree faster, especially for students who are busy with work who also have families.
- Cibecue and Alchesay geared up to receive a grant. The grant was not approved. The college is planning to make another application for this grant in the Spring 2015 semester with Alchesay High School.
- New program that started this fall. Non-working Paramedics can enroll and become an RN within ONE YEAR.
- Little to no problems with the Whiteriver Center’s video classes staying connected. The center had problems last year to where the distance learning system would be down for days. The connection is at McKay’s Peak- NPC bought a used snow cat to take care of the towers in heavy snowfall.

Blaine Hatch:

- College has limited resources

- Property tax payers of Navajo county and the State of Arizona are the entities which keep the school going. Wish there was more NPC could do, but are doing the best that we can in providing help and information.
- Maintaining the facilities
 - The buildings will last as long as possible.

Leola Larzelere:

- Appreciates services provided by NPC.
- Thanked the Executive team on having Community Outreach and advised that the Head Start Program is in good standing due to her employees are able to work and come to NPC to get their CDA.
 - The Head start program had a hard time before finding qualified people to work.
 - Now, since working with TLC most students graduating from High School already have their CDA and can work at WMAT Head Start.
- Teaching strategy
 - Is no longer just about babysitting the children. The teachers are able to teach math and other curriculum and how to achieve long-lasting skill sets

Victor Velasquez:

- Appreciates how clean the Whiteriver Campus is on the White Mountain Apache Reservation.
- Housing had good working relationship with customizing programs.
 - Housings 211 employees have a large need for certification programs. Employees need to get trained in administration and construction.
 - Administration- with technology and business skills
- **HIGHEST PRIORITY** – Construction training. Will set an appointment to meet with Center Manager Kelley Harvey-Brannon on when and how to get the ball rolling.
- Housing has multi-million dollar projects going up and are paying big bucks to non-tribal members. Mr. Velasquez would like to see White Mountain Apache Tribal members get certified so they can perform such construction tasks.
- If a shop is needed, Housing Authority has a shop for training.
- If a classroom is needed, Housing Authority has a conference room.

Leon Moody

- Needs more education in management

- Biggest issue is tuition for fire fighters; Fire & Rescue has an outstanding bill with NPC.
- Unknown about EMS at this time

Jana Towne

- Would like to see and get CNA students recruited.
- Expand nursing residency.
- Biology is needed at this campus for nursing students
- Medical assisting program. Whiteriver has a lab we need a group of MA students to put the lab to use.
- Have openings at IHS for medical assistants and nurses
- Need classes that teach medical billing and coding also with business letters and reference letters.

Tara Frank

- Students at Alchesay High School are hesitant to go to NPC
 - NPC should be AHS student's next step instead of going to a big university, getting scared, quitting, and end up going back home.
- The students who attend NPC are now successful.
- Need public speakers from NPC to go on campus often to speak to the students.
- Kelley Harvey-Brannon advised she would love to go and speak with the students of AHS and also suggested that each student go on to the NPC website click on the alumni link career profiler so students can go in and get an idea of what path to take.
- Stress to the students to work with what they have, start at home with the resources available; NPC is just across the street.
- Thanks and appreciates the executive team for College Bound, dual enrollment, early child hood development classes and business.

Betsyann Wilson

- NPC Friends & Family raising scholarships
 - is a program designed to help students with hardships.
 - Starting at ground zero. Still trying to build and grow.
 - Will be doing events throughout the year
- Needing members who are passionate about education to represent the Whiteriver Center
 - Needing a board to get direction in what she (Betsyann) needs to do to make things better
- First meeting will be on November 21st in the audio class from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Meetings will be held in the audio class every 3rd Friday of the month from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WHITERIVER NPC STUDENTS

- CPS Social worker announced University of Utah has a social work program, is NPC interested in trying to get a program like this together?
- Welding and carpentry program. In need of transportation
- Appreciates and thanks the Executive Team for coming to the Center and informing them of more of the scholarship opportunities available to them, such as Finish Line
- Students feel safe while at the Whiteriver Center
- One student commented, "I thank God every day for you Miss Kelley. I feel safe and loved by everyone who works here at the Center."
- Students who attended the Student Focus Group took group photos with members of the Executive Team and snacked on refreshments