

## **Northland Pioneer College Hopi Center Community Outreach Meeting**

### **Meeting Minutes**

*April 13, 2015*

*Present:* President Swarthout, Vice President Hatch, Janalda Nash, (Northland Pioneer College), Angelica Sandoval (NPC FWS) Georgianna Siewemptewa (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – The Hopi Tribe)  
Kathlene Sumatzkuka (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – The Hopi Tribe)  
Varlene Tenakhongva (Office of the Chairman – Hopi Tribe) Marcella Silas (Department of Education – The Hopi Tribe)  
Elizabeth Nasewytewa (HFAP/TANF) Wayne Taylor Jr. (Hopi Tribe – Executive Director) Veronica Silas (Hopi Tribe – DPSES)

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#### **I. Overview of Campus, Programs and Services- Janalda**

Shared the new Hopi Home Construction Apprenticeship program in partnership with Hopi Junior High School and Hopi Tribal Housing Authority.

#### **II. Summary of Current Strategic Plan- President Swarthout**

NPC is working on programs that include workforce, etc. Students focused program; G.E.D., Financial Aid, and Affordable Housing, for students and the community. NPC is trying to outreach community members for the purpose of a strategic plan. To create a 3 year plan. End of each year NPC tries to reach out to communities to consider their opinions and contributions about and to the school. It is very important to talk to the community about the financial budget. To keep the community updated.

#### **III. Budget and Facilities-Vice President Hatch**

His position; budgeting planner. Two college will not be funded by the state, this includes: Maricopa and Pima County. This is NPC's Main concern, NPC relies on State Funds, Expenditure Limit is based on a number of students a community college has and NPC wants to bring in more students.

#### **IV. Highlights in Instruction**

Graphic and Film Editing Programs are now available.

#### **V. Recommendations and comments from members of the community**

Marcella S: Hopi tried to enroll Construction certificates to students, but did not work out because the lack of transportation, this is a huge issue and if partners are involved, this might be resolved.

Dr. Swarthout understands the problem and no solutions yet, the problem is an issue at all campuses. She also states that housing was not working out, so in return they created the NPC Housing Scholarship, which is available for students. Not a lot of people are taking advantage of it. There is also an Emergency Grant Scholarship also available. She is also aware that vocational skills are needed. Any suggestions?

Mr. Taylor mentioned that through Hopi Tribal Housing Authority there is a potential for training.  
Dr. Swarthout: Trying to get NAVIT @ Hopi, What public district Hopi is in because Hopi is not a public school. That is the barrier to NAVIT. If anyone knows, let Dr. Swarthout know.

W. Taylor: Maybe the education department can find that information.

Dr. Swarthout: If possible- opens up the doorway for resources.

W. Taylor: I don't know how much collaboration has been done with Hopi transit. Maybe Hopi Transit will provide help with the NPC Transportation. Meetings will be upheld between the two businesses. This will help out students a lot.

Dr. Swarthout: Is construction the most sought after field here?

W. Taylor: Those jobs are the most readily available.

Marcy: Welding, automotive and diesel is the field they fund the most.

Dr. Swarthout: Need to apply JTED for NAVIT program. The state has cut funding education.

TANF: Majority males are construction would like to get clients into the skills center. They would like to provide a more "hands-on" educational program for them.

W. Taylor: Hopi would like NPC to help train the Hopi Community. 500+ employees- would like training for their employees, would like to work together to provide training for employees.

Dr. Swarthout: Specific area

W. Taylor: Supervisory, Introductory manage, business, communication-grammar and etc. Enrolling or training for employees looking for options. Hopi would like to involve H.R.

Dr. Swarthout: Have a person who Department of Educations these trainings. It's possible-even with credit or no credit, Royce Kincanon is the contact person for today.

W. Taylor: Find a place or facility for training. Location of NPC is not central so transportation is excessive.

Dr. Swarthout: Is health care training needed?

WIA: Yes we do but once students finish training there are no jobs. There are individuals interested in medical assistance training, but because of the lack of job opportunity in Hopi, individuals seem to be less interested.

Dr. S: Home health care?

Kathleen: A couple of students inquired, what happened to the NAT Lab?

Dr. S: No answer- maybe due to lack of instructor.

Kathleen: Is nursing classes available via Model.

Answer: Yes but labs are elsewhere, Model classrooms have become much more affordable and have great quality, so NPC is trying to involve more Model classrooms.

Carlene: Would it be viable for students to take science but not labs for 4 yr. college transfer.

Dr. S: The Board of Regents may make a change for those requirements

W. Taylor: What is the possibility of having a facility towards the other side of the reservation for training?

Dr. S: Not in the near future due to funding. Right now NPC is cautious with expenditures. Maybe models- think about

W. Taylor: Just to put issue on the table.

Marcy: Maybe tribe has some facility. Add to training First Aid/CPR classes

Dr. Swarthout: What about OSHA training?

Kathleen: I think Hopi Tribe TERO handles that?

Dr. Swarthout: But do they provide training?

Kathleen: No?

Dr. Swarthout: Someone is available through NPC to provide: fire training? Basics are here but training?

Dr. Swarthout: Taylor has the fire training, Law Enforcement (Housing, food, and cost available for Law Enforce)

Carlene: It would be best to hear from students.

Angelica: What about classes @ Pinon? Will you have that again?

Dr. Swarthout: Classes were held there at one time. Not sure why it was stopped? Will check on that.

Carlene: I see a lack of instructors for face to face. Maybe develop a partnership with HS teachers, community outreach.

Dr. Swarthout: Masters needed for some teachers to teach @ NPC.

Meeting adjourned.