

**NORTHLAND PIONEER COLLEGE**  
**Community Outreach, Silver Creek Campus**  
Meeting Minutes

*April 6, 2016*

*Present:* Dr. Jeanne Swarthout, Mark Vest, Maderia Ellison, Josh Rogers, PJ Way, Ann Hess, Gigi Nielson, Greg Hudson, Kerry Ballard, Hollis Merrell, Bonnie Adams, Dave Godfrey, Brendon Rogers, Allan Ramage, Camalee West, Charlotte Hatch, Byron Lewis, Shannon Bell, Larry Scarber and Joe Bjornn.

*Meeting Location* 1611 S. Main St., Snowflake AZ  
Learning Center Room 111

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**I. Overview of Campus, Programs and Services, Gigi Nielson**

- Handout given to Community Members highlighting Silver Creek Campus programs:
  - Nursing Assistant
  - Medical Assistant
  - Pharmacy Technician
  - Kid's College
  - Dual Enrollment/NAVIT
  - Career Services
  - Performing Arts Center
  - Friends and Family

**II. Summary of Current Strategic Plan, Jeanne Swarthout**

- Increase in Expenditure Limit - This will take effect 2017-18 and will be a great relief for the College – allows more breathing room. This will allow us to spend money that we have without hitting that capped amount. If we partner with private dollars – those are not expenditure limit dollars. This will benefit businesses and communities where we haven't been able to do before with the capped amount.
- Navajo County property values are declining which causes a drop in our revenues.
- NPC Friends and Family – Arizona Gives Day – raised \$27,201 for student scholarships.
- We're developing a stronger partnership with the communities.
- Revenue has been flat the past few years while state funding has decreased and expenses have increased.
- NATC- Extensive remodeling has been done at NATC.

**III. Highlights in Instruction, Mark Vest**

- SCC is still offering classes on Campus. The medical Assisting Program is going very well and enrollment is up. EMS is also offering classes at SCC each semester. This keeps the Snowflake/Taylor students in the community.
- College Bound Scholarship is offered to high school students for core class tuition cuts. There are still funds available for Summer session, \$43,000.00. Summer tuition is currently reduced by %50. Students have to have a 3.0 or take the NPC placement test. This gives students a running start on attending a University.
- The Finish Line Scholarship covers the last 12 credits of a student's degree. With the changes to the PELL program, there were many students with multiple credits, but not a degree. We had a %20 increase in graduates last year and 12% this year.

- NAU project – hoping to join with NAU to provide classes locally at NPC campuses and centers. NPC will offer the associates level courses and NAU the advanced courses. We have 4 campuses and 5 centers to offer classes on Saturdays. Cost share with NAU for campus staff. Tuition should cover the cost of the program.
- Title III Talon Grant - Allows NPC to offer classes on school campuses to local high schools.

#### **IV. Recommendations and Comments from Community Members**

- Kerry Ballard – Concerned about the tax going up. The community will welcome the benefits due to the expenditure limit increase. Kerry asked if the PAC could provide additional “Dinner and Movie” nights. He would recommend more interaction with NPC and the local performing arts programs, maybe work in conjunction with each other. Everyone is happy with the NAVIT program and how it helps our kids. The city is concerned over the shared parking lot with the Senior Citizens Center and is trying to come up with a solution to have them exit to the south near Dollar General. The City would like to see classes continuing on SCC Campus. He asked if an Outreach meeting could be held with the Board members.
  - Shannon Bell – Voiced a concern that Walmart is providing commodities for food boxes to the general public twice a week, which will increase traffic coming in and out of the Senior Center.
  - Hollis Merrill – Asked about how the College Bound program is going. Mark responded and explained that the program is just for general education course work. Jeanne mentioned that NPC’s goal is to get students through their Associates Degree without accumulating debt. Hollis was excited to hear about the NAU program to help those in the community get a teaching degree and teach at local schools. SHS is having a hard time recruiting teachers.
  - Byron Lewis – Asked about the Space Use Study. Dr. Swarhout explained that it was on the agenda for the March District Governing Board meeting, but no action was taken. The topic was tabled until the board had a chance to review the document. Byron asked how the study would impact SCC. Dr. Swarhout explained that the Board requested the study and it is theirs to work with. The decision will be made by the board when they are ready to do so. Ann Hess explained how to find the “Space Use Study” document on the NPC website.
  - Allan Ramage – Excited about Title III. He would like a greater NPC presence on campus, especially with seniors. EA and GC are on campus twice a month recruiting students. He would like to see Snowflake/Taylor students stay in the area and attend NPC.
  - Bonnie Adams – Promoted Arizona Gives day and the Friends and Family program. Bonnie is on the Friends and Family board and had glowing remarks about the program and Betsy Ann Wilson.
  - Larry Scarber – asked if a tour could be made by the Outreach Community of the re-modeled NATC building.
- Gigi Nielson distributed “trinket bags” to the community members – generously donated by Don Call.