



Northland Pioneer College
COMMUNITY & CORPORATE LEARNING

Continuing Education
Fall 2023 Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, November 30, 2023
12pm-1pm



I. Welcome

- a. Roll call & introductions

Attending: Jeremy Raisor, Andi DeBellis, Tamara Osborn (remote), Dianne Joe (Remote), Luann Crosby, Viki Matsumonji, Susie Underwood, Eric Scott, Shandiin Deputee, Jamie Cox, Melissa Willis.

- b. Thank you for attending!

We are so grateful for our colleagues and community partners!!

II. Update on Community Learning Programs

- a. Community Classes

Community Classes are on track for expanded growth with new offerings added regularly. Some examples of the new classes are; Beadwork, SCC yoga, Hair Braiding, Quilting 2 & 3. Some new classes coming in Spring 2024 are; Community Choir at SCC, Zumba at WMC, Sound Healing and more.

- b. Kids College

Kids College was a success over the Summer of 2023. Computer Coding Video Game Design and Children's Theater were the highlights of the new offerings. In fact, Children's Theater expanded into the regular school year and is run after school on Fridays at WMC.

c. STEM Kit Check-out

The STEM Kit check out program has been restored. The grant has ended and we are maintaining the program inhouse. The kits have been refurbished with a newly organized storage and check out system.

d. Excursions

Excursions had been put on hold during the Pandemic and rescheduled to begin again this past summer in 2023. Jamie scheduled one to La Posada in the North Region which did not make due to low enrollment. We will attempt to run more next Summer in 2024.

III. Update on Corporate Learning Programs

a. Department of Corrections – Jamie

Jamie is working on a proposal at the request of the CTE Dean for the DOC Contract at the Winslow Correctional Facility that will hopefully be in place before the end of this year.

b. Leadership Development – Melissa

Melissa has created a new CCL Leadership Development program at the request of the NPC President after interest expressed by Navajo County for Leadership Development Training. This new pilot program is up and running with bi-monthly four-hour training session at 2 Navajo County locations. The hope is to grow the program with regular offerings for the general public at the college. Spring Leadership Development non-credit classes are scheduled.

c. Non-profit Summit

The Non-profit Summit held at SCC in the Spring was successful, and CCL is working with Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits + Arizona Grantmakers Forum to host another in Spring 2024.

d. EMT and Phlebotomy contracts

These corporate contracts are still running smoothly with little change, just new sections.

IV. Open Discussion & Questions

a. Call for improvement ideas: New classes, partnerships, ways to advertise?

Suzie mentioned that a Summer Camp for Seniors would be a welcomed event.

Andie wondered if we could explore options for Excursions for teens during Spring Break. She also mentioned partnering with Whiteriver Center for indigenous language classes.

Shandiin would like to see a partnership with the Botanical Gardens on the Navajo Nation. Perhaps 4 weeks series including these possible topics; nature hikes, stirring sticks, grease wood, basket weaving, star gazing, moccasin workshops, and Navajo rug weaving.

Eric reported that Navajo County is very pleased with the Leadership Development Training pilot program they are participating in with us. He shared that their employees even prefer to

attend the NPC offerings over the county's own excellent training offerings on the off-months. Eric also said letting their employees know the new NPC Bachelor or Arts in Management is an available option and they would be able to help partner with a tuition reimbursement program. If CCL could help with generating interest with more of the above mentioned business programs, this may foster a larger cohort of students.

Andi would like to see more business classes. She also pointed out that we could have our own landing page in SharePoint, the internal documents and communications site for NPC. Another point of interest Andi mentioned would be to have dance classes with Carson Saline. No partner line dancing would be fun to add to our current partner dancing classes.

Possible future Excursions to Snowdrift, Navajo Code Talkers, and La Posada were proposed.

Jeremy offered a contact at Summit HR for training inquiries and for us to reach out to ask about their educational needs and if there is any way NPC can fill the gaps there. He also mentioned that we could reach out to the various Chambers of Commerce on the mountain to possibly do presentations at meetings and garner new corporate contacts that way.

- b. Board Members, please share any upcoming events or news...

Susie mentioned a new Senior Center in Concho that we may want to reach out and partner with.

V. Adjourn Meeting

- a. Next Meeting Date: Thursday March 21st, 2024 at 12:00 noon at SCC