

Northland Pioneer College  
Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2010  
Room 143, NPC, Holbrook, AZ

Meeting was called to order by co-chair Julia Fairbanks at 10:09 a.m.  
In attendance were:

Gloria Chee	Leupp School Inc.
Marlinda Littleman	NN Program of Self Reliance
Lolita Spencer	NN Program of Self Reliance
Charlene Chischillie	Seba Dalkai School
Bob Zaccaria	Seba Dalkai School
Cecelia Luci Tree	Kayenta
Mae L. Begay	Kayenta Boarding School
Judy Haubert	NPC adjunct faculty
Kate Dobler Allen	First Things First, Navajo-Apache Regional Partnership Council
Julia Fairbanks	Holbrook District Preschool
Kathleen Stemmler	NAU
Catherine Mulligan	NACOG Head Start
Sandra Jackson	NPC EDU faculty
Bernita Kuwaninvaya	Hopi Child Care
Dr. Eric Henderson	NPC Dean of Arts and Sciences
Claude S. Endfield	NPC ECD Program Chair/faculty

Excused: Darrell King, Leola Larzelere

Kate Dobler Allen moved the Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes be approved as amended.  
Seconded by Bob Zaccaria. Corrections. It should have read in 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph: "The minutes of the Sept 29, 2009 meeting were approved...". Unanimously approved.

Ms. Endfield provided updates on the ECD/EDU Ass't. and HUS Programs.

- ✓ DES PCPP Scholarships. 90 credits were approved for 43 students
- ✓ About 10 students received ECD Gen. ED scholarships for spring.
- ✓ Application has been submitted for the FTF Community Based Training grant for Year II: \$15,000 this coming year. Was \$2,000 planning grant .
- ✓ Navajo Nation FTF CDA Training grant was submitted.
- ✓ Apache Families First FTF grant will be submitted for year II.
- ✓ The FTF Director Mentoring Grant is being submitted for \$85,000
- ✓ REWARD\$ applications will be due in June. NPC serves Navajo Nation area early educators.
- ✓ TEACH Scholarships are available for 3 Quality First centers and 2 family child care homes. Navajo Apache Regional Partnership Council has added additional funds for area residents/workers.

- ✓ Navajo-Apache FTF scholarships for \$21,000 are available to qualified early educators in Navajo and Apache counties who meet criteria. Fund is handled by Apache County.
- ✓ The Navajo Nation Program for Self Reliance grant application (Child Care Academy) is being reviewed by tribal and NPC attorneys . \$313, 569
- ✓ First Things First Family Fun days have been scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Show Low, June 3<sup>rd</sup> Window Rock and June 30<sup>th</sup> in Tuba City. Claude and Mona Eleando were in attendance at the April 24<sup>th</sup> event in Whiteriver. Over 400 individuals attended.
- ✓ Spring course enrollment: ECD 200: 21 students, HUS 180: 12 enrolled and ECD 222: 15.
- ✓ Tuition changes: Tiered tuition no longer available, \$4 dollar increase per credit hour, \$35 media fee applied to all registration at 3<sup>rd</sup> credit.
- ✓ ECD 250 is scheduled for Fall. ECD 251 will be developed into online course for Spring.
- ✓ Student outcomes results were discussed.
- ✓ HUS program options were presented with perhaps use of linking Web casts in spring 2011. Dr. Henderson stated Bureau schools have the capacity to do such classes.
- ✓ Report was presented on the ECD 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Apache Families First Conference held during Spring Break (March). Alchesay High School's FCCLA club co-sponsored.

Mae Begay moved and Charlene Chischillie moved that the Advisory Council officers remain the same for the next school year. Unanimously approved. Bernita and Julia to continue to serve.

It was noted that long time adjunct faculty member and ECD Office Lab aide Kathy White was retiring on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Claude mentioned that there were two NN Child Care Development Fund staff that were waiting for assessment but lacked funding for \$325 assessment fee. Dr Henderson presented his perspective on other students needing the ECD Gen. Ed. scholarship funds to move towards their degrees. He felt other organizations needed to step up . There is no assurance that the ECD scholarships will be continuing. Bernita K. moved that \$200 of NPC Gen. ED. scholarships be approved towards the students' assessment fees. Seconded by Catherine. Motion passed. He also discussed college's stance on budget priorities. Full time staff salaries will be reduced by 2%.

During group reports, Bob Z. mentioned that Cheryl Watkins is interested in providing training for residential staff during the summer. He also mentioned he will be retiring during summer. The FACE Program was turned down by school due to inadequate budgets to cover the 5 staff positions. School undergoing budget cuts, 20% staff rified. Morale is low.

Julia reported that on May 28<sup>th</sup> transition meetings would be held. Busy time of year.

Kathleen reported that NAU is generally hopeful there will be no more cuts. They have begun an Elementary Bachelor/Early childhood certification degree in Tuba City and Kayenta on a weekend format. They are looking for qualified e. c. adjunct faculty. The masters in early childhood on-line program will begin in Show Low. She reported on other changes.

Bernita reported that their year round program enrollment is down. She is pushing staff to do their CDAs. One is ready for assessment. Their program is a Quality First Program with a mentor visiting every week. There are 25 children enrolled at the center and she has 11 family providers.

Charlene reported on the 21st Century After School grant at Seba Dalkai. She works closely with the dorm kids. SPARK Program is used. Discussed some future plans for field trips.

Mae reported 3 or 4 staff have earned their Certificates of Proficiency in Residential Child and Youth Care. KCBS has received funding for a homeless grant serving 51 children.

Catherine reported that parents have been given transition packets. They have had some Early Head Start expansion with a center to open in mid-June at Winslow High School. St Johns EHS center is open and a partial HB program for 5 children in Pinetop is now funded.

Marlinda, Senior Project Specialist with NNPSR gave an update on her organization with over 200 staff and stated they are in a cohort with UNM with a focus on Staff Professional Development. She briefly reviewed the Child Care Academy and other upcoming events NNPSR is sponsoring: Healthy Marriage, Fatherhood and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Lolita also with PSR shared her background experience in head start and early head start.

Judy reported two of her students in Peach Springs have been assessed this week and two will be assessed during the summer.

Dr. Sandy Johnson reported on the English Immersion online classes she is teaching. Dick Heinemann, EDU full time faculty's position, will not be filled.

Kate reported on the FTF news and the legislature's turn down of the loan offer. There is a movement: Save First Things First. Additional information was provided on the family fun days scheduled. Focus is being placed on the promotion of collaboration and building of awareness of FTF. They are currently in the midst of contract renewals. Five two-year seats and 2 seats for four-year terms are up for the Navajo Apache Regional Partnership Council.

Gloria Chee reported that the Leupp School's FACE Program had a positive site visit.

She is working with 14 children with 2 transitioning into kindergarten. And they are reapplying for funding. New modular buildings are being moved closer to the school. She is doing CDA coursework with one student. Twenty plus staff positions are not being renewed.

Next meeting date was set for Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Mae moved and Kate seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Claude S. Endfield  
ECD Program Chair, NPC