

Northland Pioneer College Community Outreach

Springerville/Eagar Center

November 25, 2008

Present:

Dr. Swarthout, Mark Vest, John Valet, Kim Holaway, Renita Kirkham, Butch Johnson, Karl Turley, Kim Pena, Melissa Webb, Karalea, Teri Neff, Jan Sayre, Tamara Osborne, Sharon Steeley, Barry Williams, Jennifer Prochnow

Introductions

Review of past year (see attached report from Melissa)

Jeanne briefly reviewed the accreditation process for NPC. Accreditation process now coordinated with the Strategic Plan. NPC is involving Apache County in both processes. State funding has been cut. NPC took 2 hits from the state budget cuts: capital and equalization.

John explained the improvements being implemented in NPC's Wide Area Network. Capacity for distance education increases dramatically. We will have the capacity to do desktop video conferencing. Audio/video classes will be condensed.

Other changes @ NPC: website, student management system, student access to email coming in January, new Foundation director

Teri Neff inquired about travel for students. Dr Swarthout talked about eliminating when possible travel for students. Mark discussed new scheduling strategies for students.

Sharon Steeley – Hospitality program/coordinator skepticism on part of public about commitment of NPC to program which stifles participation of employers.

Butch Johnson - Full online programs through NPC, financial aid opportunities particularly loan opportunities, HS instructors denied dual-enrollment teaching status on CHM.

Kim Holaway – Supportive of development of online programs

Teri Neff – Keep workforce \$ for education and training local. Students/workforce clients are having to go to Rio Salado for science courses.

Kim Pena – Six NAVIT students needing bio to complete degrees.

Renita Kirkham – SEI courses, prof development hrs in education,

Barry Williams – suggested that there be some coordination with NPC's prof dev courses that helps teachers become certified to teach for the college. Barry also wanted assurance that NPC would not lose the technological edge they are gaining. He also inquired about expanding distance delivery over other

existing networks in place. There was also discussion about courses that would help teachers pass the AEPA test. The needs of the power generation retiring workforce was also brought up and how are we addressing those needs. Barry also brought up the support of Ap Co Higher Ed in developing a plan for Apache County.

Suggestions for courses: personal electronics, customer service training,

Teri Neff requested more block credentialing programs (short term programs), GED testing in Apache County.

Jennifer Prochnow suggested working on a customer service course(s)

Kim Pena asked about where cosmetology is going.