

~~THE LEARNING CONNECTION~~
Community Advisory Committee Meeting
May 2, 2001

Attending:

Sonja Banyacya
Willie Begay
Joel Eittreim'
Heidi Fulcher
Angelina James
Rondi Moore
Jo Reed
Lori Singer
Tabatha West
Shelly Young
Tomie Zamora

Minutes of February 7th meeting were approved with no changes.

NPC Report:

Heidi Fulcher – Director, Division of Developmental Services, Winslow:

Revisions on the ABE 5-year plan are due May 7th. The original plan was sent in on March 15th. We would like to improve the quality of instruction at all sites by implementing updated curriculum at all sites. Three new courses have been created and approved this past year. We want to improve instruction at non-campus sites by hiring more full time instructors. Sixty-three percent of campus classes are taught by full-time teachers and 11% of non-campus classes are taught by full-time teachers. Would like to provide increased hours of instruction at centers and special sites with a cap number of special sites at 21. Prepare to deliver new curriculum aligned to AZ adult ed. standards by providing a workshop for teachers on May 12th. Would like to hire an intake data assessment specialist to provide more consistent documentation. Would like to develop a GED graduation recognition event, our program is beginning to see a significant number of GED graduates.

WIA Report:

We're still at war with human services committee our meeting is scheduled for May 4th. I can not attend this meeting. The good news is Youth operation is spending their money fast. A busload of students were taken to LCC to take GED test.

Member Reports:

Sonja Banyacya – NAU/Educational Opportunity Centers, Holbrook:

New at this job have been getting out to meet people to see what the community needs are. Headstart parents want GED testing and higher education.

Willie Begay – Adult Special ED Site Coordinator/Instructor, Ganado:

Is monitoring 6 sites; Chinle, Ft. Defiance, Ganado, Rough Rock, Dennehotso, Pock Point. There is a demand at these sites for Adult Education. Summer classes scheduled at Ft. Defiance, Chinle

and Ganado. Attended a conference in Albuquerque last week workshops were very worthwhile. Computer technician is working on setting up E-mail at Ganado.

Joel Eittreim – Director, Extending Learning Services, Holbrook:

One thing we're doing is opening up daytime classes at reservation sites. Whiteriver teacher has skills for GED testing. There is a budget issue at Whiteriver. The organization will get money for a teacher to teach the adult and youth program.

By the first of the year we should have a special needs person at NPC who will help with students needs. Hopi center still does not have good phone lines for there computers. This has be a project they have been working on for the past 5 years.

Angelina James - Adult Special ED Site Coordinator/Instructor, Hopi Center:

Is ½ Navajo ½ Hopi and can communicate with both tribes. Worked for Dine College for 10 years. Now has office at the new Hopi Center, which is a central location for the 9 villages she covers.

Rondi Moore –W.I.A. – ShowLow:

Have 25 adults in program with 11 working, 3 in custom training. Four are attending NPC and 4 are in job training, 1 will graduate from NPC this semester. Will be meeting with SRP at Egar May 17th on new program. Money for adult program has run out but still have some money available for the youth program. Will be meeting with Ann Zufelt to help students who have not gotten a referral. People are not aware that WIA replaced JTPA program.

Jo Reed – Jobs Administration/DES, ShowLow:

Jobs is at a stand still now with our money ending June 30. We are now working with clients who have been on program 24 months or longer. Caseloads are going down and we can not take new clients.

Lori Singer – W.I.A. AZ Affiliation of Indian Centers, Winslow:

Money for classroom training funding is at a stand still. New budget year starts July 1st. Money for rent, utilities is exhausted. Meeting scheduled in Flagstaff on the 24th for case management training. NACOG can only help clients one time per year with deposit, rent and money to move.

Tabatha West – Family Advocate Aide, Holbrook:

Have worked at Headstart for 3 years but new to this position. Parents wanting to take GED are using the 2 books we have at the center to study. Need one math tutor for the parents. Sending parents to NPC to take GED test.

Shelly Young –W.I.A. Snowflake Youth, Snowflake:

Has been at this job for the past two months working at Taylor. Targeting out of school youth this year.

Next meeting:

**August 16, 2001
1:00-3:00 MST
Fitness Center – CEC Building
2251 Navajo Blvd
Holbrook, Arizona**