

**Community Outreach Event
St. Johns Center
November 25, 2008**

Community Outreach event for the St. Johns center was held on November 25, 2008. There were 12 participants in this meeting.

They were:

- **Donna Grimsley- Apache County Superior court**
- **Don Bradburn- NAVIT**
- **Von Stradling- SRP**
- **Larry Heap- St. Johns Schools**
- **Catherine Patterson- St Johns High School/ NAVIT**
- **Clover Baum-Gordon- NPC Professor**
- **Bill Beck- SRP**
- **Karalea Kowren- NPC Apache County coordinator**
- **Nicole Connolly- NPC St. Johns Center Manager**
- **Mark Vest- NPC**
- **Dr. Jeanne Swarhout- NPC President**
- **John Velat- NPC**

The meeting began at approximately 1:30 pm. Dr. Swarhout welcomed all that were in attendance, and each person in attendance was then asked to introduce themselves, their organization, and what they liked that NPC was currently doing, and what they wanted to see NPC do in the future.

SRP talked about the need for employees to learn more as a major portion of their workforce will be retiring within the next 5 years. They were happy with the current ITP and HQO programs. They are looking forward to expanding these programs over the coming years. They also expressed the need for electrical training. All seemed to be in agreement that ITP will always be a work in progress and that we needed to continue to keep working on it.

St. Johns school district is impressed with the stability of NPC. The group also talked about the need for NPC to possibly provide SEI and ESL trainings to the school district instead of them using

other institutions. We also talked about the need for NAVIT, NPC, and Apache needing to plan farther out together. We talked about the need for more communication between the 3 organizations.

We also discussed the need for Higher Education in Apache County and NPC to have more face to face communications. Especially in the coming opportunities for growth that SRP is bringing to the community.

The last items that were discussed were the need to encourage students to get a C.A.S. when they are eligible, and to encourage them to continue to get there Associates degree and then transfer to a four year institution.

John Velat also discussed the new technology improvements that NPC is making and explained how that would benefit our area and the services that NPC will be able to provide.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00pm.