

## MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING

NOVEMBER 29, 2011

ATTENDEES: NPC President Swarthout  
Mark Vest, Vice President of Learning and Student Services  
Candy Howard, White Mountain Campus Manager  
Don Call, Recruitment Advisor  
Maderia Ellison, Director of Financial Services  
MiAnna Tyler, Painted Desert Campus Manager  
Kathy McPherson, Assistant to Painted Desert Campus Manager  
Eileen Easton, Assistant to White Mountain Campus Manager  
Rick Fernau, Mayor of City of Show Low  
Greg Schalow, Superintendent of BRUSD K-12  
Kent Brooksby, Finance Director of Pinetop/Lakeside

Introductions were made.

- Dr. Swarthout - In the past, the centers were involved with Community Outreach. Now, the campuses are getting involved as well.
- Candy Howard - NPC conducted Spring 2012 Registration on Monday (11/28). She described all the classes we offer here at White Mountain Campus, both NAVIT and regular classes. Approximately 1/3 of NPC's total student population is at WMC.
- Dr. Swarthout - Although NPC took a heavy hit with our budget last year, we're doing very well thanks in part to the efforts of our entire Staff in cutting Administrative costs. Proposed large expenditures are in our future:
- Construction of a new Skills Center at PDC – Holbrook would be much easier to build on – it's level land- and they have more space.
  - Construction of a new Skills Center at WMC – the plan is to consolidate the technical ed classes (i.e., Auto, Welding, and Metal Art) at the WMC campus.
- Rick Fernau - He asked if we have considered purchasing the leased buildings where tech ed currently takes place. He thought new construction in WMC would be costly. He also mentioned that he would like to see the Performing Arts Center at or near WMC (partner w/City of Show Low. He offered the old City Hall building as a possible location.

- Dr. Swarthout - She asked "where do we need to improve?"
- Rick Fernau - Some important niches for NPC are Nursing and remote learning for teaching degrees.
- Dr. Swarthout - As far as 4-yr college in rural AZ, U of A is not interested in partnering. NAU has made no commitment, but ASU is willing to discuss the possibilities.
- Mark Vest - Nursing and Early Childhood Development students can transfer to ASU to earn their Bachelor's Degree in Applied Science. Classes are all on-line and interested students must sign an agreement with ASU.
- Tag agreements for ASU would require maintaining a certain GPA at NPC.
- He is hoping that rural AZ benefits in the future.
- NAU has been more difficult to work with so we've moved to Prescott for Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education.
- Rick Fernau - A meeting with Mr. Brackney, Mr. Schalow and all Supervisors will be requested to discuss what the community wants with respect to a 4-yr college here (i.e., NAU, ASU or ?).
- He requested a summary from Dr. Swarthout stating what Snowflake/Taylor, St. Johns, Springerville/Eagar, et al, what their hopes are for a 4-yr college – he will present that at a meeting.
- Mark Vest - Mark recommends that a Skills Center be located at WMC Campus. The NAVIT bus stops here, advisors are here, etc. The Department of Education is getting tougher on defining "campus" as far as location of classrooms. "Campus" means "contiguous", so off-site classes are not candidates for Financial Aid.
- We are starting up the Construction Program again. We were waiting for "green" construction technology from the State. Now we're moving forward without it. This will start up in Fall 2013 and we are currently looking for an instructor who would start in Spring 2012 visiting area high schools.
- Rick Fernau - Expressed a need for high schools to concentrate on "electronics" – not computers, but actual repair work in the basics of actual electronics – maybe partnering with NPC.

Mark Vest - In response to that request, the STEM grants were available in 2007. Not enough interest in that, so funds were returned.

Dr. Swarthout - Can we work more closely with high schools. For example, share computer labs. In other words, sharing resources. If there is a course that needs more students to make it go, can we combine HS and NPC students? Funding would probably be a problem. She also feels that a referendum is needed in AZ to help the education issue. What is the legislature's vision for education in AZ?

Rick Fernau - He wants to have preliminary meetings regarding the proposed "Skills Center" construction. He has also offered to support NPC in any way. For example, the City Shuttle has a space for a TV screen where we could advertise NPC classes.

Kent Brooksby - Also offered support to NPC.

Rick Fernau - NPC/NAVIT Welding and Metal Arts class are making metal art for approximately 15 trash cans on the Deuce of Clubs. They will be a great addition to the new look of Main Street.

Some courses he'd like to see return:

He requested that Aviation Ground School courses be offered at NPC (for FAA certification). He mentioned that he would be qualified to teach Ground School within the year. He was told to contact Candy Howard and Loyelin Aceves to set this up.

Public Safety/Law Enforcement Academy.

Dr. Swarthout/  
Mark Vest - FTSE (Full Time Student Equivalent) is how the college is funded and not by actual student headcount.

Dr. Swarthout mentioned that the College may be asked to take over the Northern Arizona Training Center (NATC). Nothing has been decided yet.

Rick Fernau - The City of Show Low owns 180 acres around the airport. There is a plan in the works to partner with the County, BIA, BLM and Forest Service on developing a new, long runway to accommodate air tankers, training facilities for firefighting (both aerial and ground training), and a fully functional dispatch center that would service BLM, Forest Service, BIA, etc. He expressed interest in relocating NPC's training facilities to this location.

“Walk the Deuce” will be sponsored by merchants on the Deuce every Thursday evening from December 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 22<sup>nd</sup>. These shops will be open until 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.