

NPC, Springerville/Eagar Center

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Community Outreach

Minutes

3/6/12

Present: Kim Holoway, Bill Greenwood, Mike Hogan, Mike Nutall, Travis Udall, John Allen, Todd White, Kellie Monterrosa, Steve Erhart, Winslow McNeil, Dr. Jeanne Swarthout, Mark Vest, and Melissa Webb

Welcome and Introductions

Melissa Webb discussed the year in review for the SPE Center. (see attached)

Dr. Swarthout discussed the status of the budget and the purpose of community outreach. She explained how NPC affects what happens in Apache County. The college took a huge hit from state aid (48%) which was a large surprise to all community colleges. NAVIT had a last minute 30 percent cut and had to cut freshman year from their program. Budget is now at a standstill. NPC does not anticipate another cut. NPC planned for a \$1.4 million cut in equalization. Maricopa CC had an 85 percent cut and has 1 percent from the state now. NPC can move forward in other ways that other community colleges cannot.

Dr. Swarthout then discussed strategic planning and how it is linked to the budget. She announced the new skills center to be built in Holbrook. The welding program and construction trades will be located in the new center. NPC will also build out space for any pot ash mining type curriculums. IMO has megatronics coming soon along with the law enforcement reserve academy. The shift from FTSE to completion or defining goals was discussed. Dr. Swarthout also shared that 10 districts have agreed on success and goal setting definitions.

Mark discussed what is happening in the state with K-12.

Small discussion about the benefits of the law enforcement academy. Mark shared in the past this struggled with distance education but feels good about it now. Chief Nutall asked about funding for officers to attend school and get their

Associate Degrees. Mark discussed the financial aid process and possibly some local scholarships.

Bill Greenwood asked about the status of Heavy Equipment. Mark shared NAVIT has a board meeting next week and the college is reliant upon NAVIT' s decision.

There was a discussion about Kids College.

Mayor Holoway, Travis and Dr. Swarthout discussed access to higher education and what is happening on the state level.

Mayor Holoway asked about online courses. Mark shared NPC hired a faculty in instructional technology and have removed badly designed courses, rebuilt them and are creating 6 new courses a year online. Travis shared that online courses have a high failure rate in high schools, more than 90 percent.

Todd White discussed TEP and their needs. Discussed retirements that are coming, including his own in June. TEP has hired 58 employees who have taken IMO courses with NPC.

Respectfully submitted,

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