

NORCO
COLLEGE
Foster Youth Success Committee
September 20, 2016
MINUTES

***Present:** Koji Uesugi, Steven Gonzalez, Gustavo Ocegüera, Daniela McCarson, Randee Kirkemo, Monica Huizar, Mary Grothem, Monica Esparza, Kristi Perez, Caroline Quintos, Annie Hanson, Pablo Sanchez, Tracy Kazsuk, Tabitha Johnson (recorder)*

***Absent:** Amy Olipane, Andrea Acosta, Deannna Merino-Contino, Hortencia Cuevas, Ismael Davila, Lisa McAllister, Paul Van Hulle*

- **Meeting called to order:** 1:14 pm

- **Approval of May 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion to approve: Daniela McCarson
 - Seconded: Monica Huezar
 - Abstentions: 0
 - Motion carried

- **Chair's Report - Dr. Uesugi**
 - **Extension approved for Stuart Foundation Grant through Dec 2017**
 - Dr. Uesugi provided updates related to marketing material needed-utilizing the new foster youth logo. The logo was approved, now the next steps require the development of new outreach material including a new brochure.
 - During the summer after following up with the program officer, approximately \$40,000 remained unspent. Intended to use a portion of it to fund a position by June 2016. This did not happen and the 1.5 year grant ended. Funds were used over the years to sponsor our foster youth awareness program, food pantry through EOPS and send faculty and staff to statewide conferences.
 - Blueprint Conference will not take place this year as it occurs every other year. The next one will be in 2017.

 - **3-Up program development**
 - Dr. Uesugi mentioned the 1 year certificate program- it is great for students who want to work right away. We train them first with the skills they need before they start working. This is geared for students who do not want to be at college for 3-4 years. They can join an ACE program which is 4-5 hours a day over a 16 week period. During the first 5 weeks they complete four classes then switch to another set of classes until the courses are completed during the six month duration. This is an intense structured way of taking courses.
 - We are exploring the possibility of hiring a part-time time Job Developer. This position is intended to help students find jobs in which they can utilize their skills developed from the coursework and/or certificate completed at Norco.

- **Kristi Perez-** Inspire has a foundation that will support her students if they want to join a program like this. They will give them a full grant for the program and a housing stipend. The grant will cover books and material costs. We will get a list of the certificate program list to our committee.
 - **Grants**
 - Norco submitted a grant application to Weingart Foundation for \$400,000 with assistance of a grant writer, but we did not meet the criteria. Informed that there were other grants to submit to such as the Irvine foundation. Currently in the process of submitting a joint application to help students in our district.
- **Discussion Items**
 - **Foster Youth College Bound Day – Friday, January 27, 2017 @ 9:00 am**
 - Our annual CNUUSD visitation day for Foster Youth has been identified and confirmed. CNUUSD has taken care of transportation/bus and food for the event in the past and we would like to request this for this year's event.
 - Each grade focuses on different things during the visitation. Seniors are assisted with the admission application process and provided with information about FAFSA, Summer Advantage and other special programs. Juniors review the two and four-year college options; while sophomores talk about college planning and options.
 - During the large group session, we will have a presentation and keynote speaker along with alumni students. This year, the FAFSA opens October 1st therefore may not need to cover too much about this process at the visitation for the senior group.
 - **Need to Do: Reserve CSS 217 for the event our College Bound Day 1/27/2017**
 - Reserve rooms **10:15 –IT-208 Seniors** –preparing for college/ **IT 111 Juniors-** Exploring College Pathways-/**IT-110 Sophomores-** from H.S to college/ **11:30 am- Wrap up session- CSS 217**
 - **CNUUSD High School Seniors Preparation for College**
 - Seniors- we had an intervention program in the fall for 2 weeks to help seniors prepare for our assessment examination and the outcome of the self-paced did not go over well.
 - Students still need some prep time for this help with assessment preparation
 - THRIVE helps with individual foster students at the high school but not all students are involved in thrive
 - **Gustavo-** there's a **basic skills grant** and limited to one year regardless of where they place. Students place at the lowest level they will be helped by faculty. Preparing for college is helping foster youth emotionally.
 - Give them the tools before they graduate as seniors
 - **Pablo-** LCAP funding for F.Y. and will take students to camp
 - Will provide report on F.Y. and how they perform at the high school.
 - **Assembly Bill 216** only requires students to graduate with 220 credits instead of 330
 - **Mary-** Each counselor and interns are able to work with F.Y. individually. Monica Huizar will be one of the interns at Centennial H.S. Cal State Fullerton field trip possibly in October and Dec 2nd yearly celebration. May 5th END OF YEAR CELEBRATION. Welcome day was on 9/17/16 speaker was Shavon-Love Language presentation. There is a fee waiver for the SAT.

- **Tracy Kazsuk-** Roosevelt-Sara Gonzalez helping support a mentor program of 52 students and everyone on staff is signing up to help each individual student
 - **CNUSD Unity Camp- now** just for F.Y. (breaking down barriers, team building, high ropes course, and trust building). 3 day camp leaves on Friday Dec 9-11th about 120 students to Pine Summit in Big Bear. Volunteers needed fingerprinting- required. Eligible to attend all foster youth 9th-12th grade CNUSD H.S.
 - **Dr. Uesugi** –asked to provide a flyer for the camp so we can advertise it on campus
 - **Gustavo-** collaborate a bus to pick up and bring to campus to prepare for college
 - New coaches need a community service project possibly help out with camp
 - **Dr. Uesugi-** we need to focus on our 20 Seniors for life after high school
 - In person orientation have foster youths attend in MARCH while they are still seniors for one day **Day camp** at college. Orientation and maybe have assessment on another day. Work together and help them be aware of housing and emotional preparation and common sense logistical practices
 - **Annie Hanson-** Thrive weekly workshops starts 9/26 for F.Y. current and former 16-21 yrs once they complete 10 weeks they get a \$100 visa gift card and can come in and out at any time
 - Has a class of about 5 foster youth only to help with social, emotional, and academic support for an hour in class.
 - Anyone is welcome to come to her class and speak her email is jhanson@cnusd.k12.ca.us
 - **Randee-** will invite Amada Ruben next time
- **Outreach Specialist and Success Coach support**
 - Gustavo- flew the position this semester and will have 2 fulltime employees late October. One coach will be assigned to Foster Youth students and connection with Outreach department to make a difference out in the high school. Funded through student equity. This will free up money in Stuart grant. Possibly bring in coaches next meeting
- **Announcements**
 - **Inspire-** Kristi announced that she has room for one girl in one of her houses in case any member of the committee knew of a girl who had a housing need. As long as she is enrolled in school, she will be eligible for consideration.
 - **Next Meeting**
 - **Tuesday, October 18 @ 1:00 pm CSS 219 Koji will not be able to attend**

Adjournment at: 2:35 pm