

Foster Youth Success Committee
May 10, 2016

MINUTES

Present: Koji Uesugi, Mary Grothem, Daniella McCarson, Ismael Davila, Nelya Parada, Hortencia Cuevas, Tabitha Montoya, Kristi Camplain, Andrea, Acosta, Monica Esparza, Tabitha Johnson, Randee Kirkemo, Steven Gonzalez, Monica Huizar, Gustavo Ocegüera, Tricia Hodawanus (recorder)

- **Meeting called to order:** 1:09pm
- **Approval of April 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion to approve by Mary Grothem
 - Seconded by Daniela McCarson
 - Abstentions - 0
 - Motion carried
- **Chair's Report** - Dr. Uesugi
 - California Wellness grant application announcement
 - We WON!!! The \$180,000 award was increased to \$250,000!! (split among 3 colleges over 3 years)
 - Identify up to 10 students at each college – goal is 100% completion
 - Stipend initially was going to be awarded at end of program. Looking at awarding the stipend based on progress (books, school supplies, etc)
 - Any committee members interested in participating in the planning and implimentation of grant (Money arriving around June 1st 2016)
 - Goal: New cohort every year (or longer if certificate longer than 1 year)
 - Students can attend other campuses for classes, but transportation will remain problematic.
 - Weingart Foundation grant intent
 - Currently seeking a future grant from this
 - Weingart is revamping the guidelines, may not be accepting applications this year.
 - Next SCHEFYC Meeting:
 - Southern California Higher Education Foster Youth Consortium Meeting
 - June 14 9am-3pm at Orange Coast College
- **Discussion Items**
 - Committee discussed various names for the Foster Youth program (Ex: Guardian Scholars, Phoenix Scholars, Foster Youth Support Services, etc)
 - Debrief – CNUSD Foster Youth Training with Misty/Thrive (April 26)
 - 46 attendees (CNUSD and Norco College Counselors/Teachers)
 - Feedback was positive
 - Committee will look at various annual training:
 - Once a year or Fall/Spring
 - Suggestions: Series, breakfast meetings/trainings
 - Possibly rotate sites
 - Focus on social/emotional topics
 - Connect or look into partnering with Community Access Network in Corona

- Stream training via “PrepTalk”
- Bring back former foster youth from College Bound Day
- Mid-October /on a Friday

Debrief - May Awareness Month “We Walk, We Care”

- Positive feedback from staff/students
- Will email photos to committee
- What worked well / What didn’t:
 - Stories/Posters
 - Suggest: post higher or have handouts
 - Suggest: Have smaller stories/quotes in-between the longer stories
 - Story booklet/program
 - Have students stand by stories (different color shirt)
 - Heart (Flags)
 - Discussion: did stats make an impact?
 - Pledge tree was amazing (great job Monica E)
 - Flow of event
 - More signage for check-in
 - Less structure, more free flow
 - Add a program explaining event and/or the stories
 - Suggestion: Tables / tents / podium
 - Suggestion: Speak in room, then lead out into grass
 - Marketing: This year the Press Enterprise had small article with photo
 - Suggestion: Order shirts again next year (Polo’s for Committee)
 - Suggestion: Create more awareness like classroom visits, and various activities leading up to “walk”
 - Put information on Corral TV’s and Marquee’s
 - Handout flyers (Index cards, mailboxes, etc.)
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- CNUSD High School Seniors Pilot Program 2015-16
 - Update on high school seniors’ matriculation process to Summer Advantage
 - June 20-29 Math and English interventions
 - Placed based on High school records received or placement (Cannot attend both session)
 - July 11, 12, 13, 14 – 600 students (150 per day)
 - 1,000 applicants, but they must complete all steps to enter
 - 15 foster youth currently applying for program
- Foster Youth Summer Academy – Dr. Uesugi
 - Ideas/Suggestions:
 - After Summer Advantage? (August)
 - 1 or 2 day
 - “Bridge Program” partnership with Student Equity?
 - Breakout session (Men of Color, Special programs, Foster Youth, etc.)
 - 1-2 weeks prior to start of term (Aug 16-18)

- **Announcements**

- CNUSD (Mike/Mary)
 - Last day of school: June 2nd

- Fall starts August 10th
- Inspire (Kristi)
 - 2 openings in Corona for Girls (boys are full)
 - Looking to hire 2 new RA's (Girls/CBU and Boys/Eastvale)
 - Criteria – background in education, mid late 20's, house meeting and house activity once a month (free housing/no salary)
- **Next Meetings:**
 - June meeting is cancelled
 - Will send out the Fall 2016/Spring 2017 dates to committee calendars
- **Adjournment: 2:31pm**