

Foster Youth Success Committee
February 2, 2016
1:00pm-2:30pm

MINUTES

Present: Gustavo Oceguera, Diana Robles-Nichols (Guardian Scholars), Kristi Camplin, Andrea Acosta, Mary Grothem, Mark Hartley, Diann Thursby, Bonnie Langley, Steven Gonzalez, Monica Huizar, Monica Esparza, Hortencia Cuevas, Nelya Parada, Silvia Zamudio (CSU Fullerson) Tricia Hodawanus (Recorder)

- **Call to Order - 1:06pm**
- **Approval of January 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion to approve by Diann Thursby
 - Seconded by Monica Huizar
 - Motion carried
- **Discussion Items**
 - May Foster Youth Awareness Month Activities - Monica Huizar/Diann Thursby
 - Awareness Walk – Tuesday, May 3, 2016
 - The time was determined to be 1pm-2pm
 - Committee reviewed the propose timeline & map handed out
 - The actual walk area was extended (see map)
 - Suggested stopping at “stations” along the way for various discussions? (Current or former foster youth to speak?)
 - Draw more attention to boards with balloons
 - Banner – place right above amphitheatre (same as last year)
 - Tree ribbons – Same as last year
 - Suggest – College police at cross-walk / or lead with golf cart?
 - Guest speaker suggestions: Panel member-Stephanie from FYCBD? (At beginning of event like an MC)
 - More marketing (Newspapers/ASNC/Flyers/CNUSD/RCOE/Community)
 - ASNC can distribute flyers to clubs/groups
 - Food
 - Pens, Banners and possibly T-Shirts purchased by ASNC? ASNC has committed \$3000 toward this event!
 - Music - DJ
 - Booths (EOPS/SSS/SFS/Thrive/Inspire/Health Services)
 - Discussed adding community booths?
 - Promote Foster Care awareness month
 - Discussed that these “info” booths may not be necessary
 - T-Shirts – order more of the same, so the people who already have them can use these again and again.

- Suggestion – progressive display (example when flags are added, backpacks on the ground, etc.). The visual point would be to demonstrate how many foster youth actually make it through college. (Research what other colleges have done in the past). An informational handout can also accompany this idea.
 - Suggestion – Student spot light (Highlight success stories)
 - Suggestion: hand out a fact sheet and/or have one resource table
 - Suggestion: “Choose your own adventure” – choose your different paths and find out what happens at the end.
 - Idea: Lead different groups through each?
 - Different stations / Meal Cards/ 3 Stamps or stickers to get Meal ticket (Big displays around stations with balloons)
 - Develop hashtag to promote
 - Meal ticket (student can submit “I became aware” at the end)
 - Use California state symbol to write name and display all month long (Students can write their name)
 - Corral TV’s can promote awareness month activities, facts, resources, etc.
- Joint Training w/ CNUSD – Monica Huizar
 - Tentative date: April 26th
 - Promote various NC resources
 - Invite Norco College Faculty
 - Discussion tabled until March meeting
- Foster Youth College Bound Day DEBRIEF– Friday, January 29th
 - Committee reviewed student survey and comments (25 of 36 responses)
 - Students arrived 20 minutes late (Bus parked behind buildings at Centennial, and school security had to find it to load students/staff)
 - Add breakfast items needed added to “goodie bag” (wrapped muffins/pastries/etc.)
 - Check in and welcome went well (36 students total)
 - Senior dismissed directly after welcome
 1. Session seemed to have too much to do (Summer Advantage/Application/FAFSA/Orientation)
 - Suggestion: Present FAFSA, but not do application
 - Majority of time went to SAP applications and NC applications
 - Ran through Orientation really fast (Students probably did not absorb the information)
 - FAFSA can be done after with the students attending the Assessment test the following week.
 - Work with contact at school to already have NC applications/ FAFSA/ and Summer Advantage applications prior to attending.
 - Only do orientation and some information during the Senior session
 - Juniors session seemed to have turned into a Financial Aid session (students asking questions about waivers and costs)
 1. I was hard to keep on topic while giving out so much information

- Sophomore workshop – panel is well received by group. Very engaged, some students stayed after to speak privately with the panellists.
 1. Keep exactly the same!
 2. Jacob was amazing!
 - Running out of time – reconvened in CSS217 late (12pm) had some start filling out survey's while waiting for Juniors to get back therefore hard to collect.
 - Ending wrap up speakers ran long – did WHITE raffle in CSS217 but decided to move RED raffle to corral (left CSS217 for lunch at 12:35pm)
 - Lunch service went well, but students were rushed to eat and kept asking about raffle.
 - No RED raffle – Just handed each student gift cards as they exited to buses.
 - Surprisingly, not too much food left over.
 - How can we improve attendance?
 - More prior work at done at school (Applications/FAFSA/SAP)
 - FY Students move around from school to school/ don't submit parent field trip permissions slip form
 - Overall decrease in Foster Youth throughout CNUSD
 - Roosevelt has large population, but pushes 4 year universities as Plan A (no plan B push for 2 year option)
 - Pose questions to panellists, not speeches (students did not seem to be engaged this year)
 - Add student spotlights and services/programs on Corral TV's while eating lunch.
 - CNUSD High School Seniors Pilot Program 2015-16
 - Accuplacer test for FY Seniors – Friday, 2/5/16
 - 9:00am Arrival / Buses pick up 12:30pm
 - Lunch/entertainment will be provided
 - Expecting 20 student (5-7 staff)
- **Announcement**
 - Guardian Scholars Program – Silvia Zamudio/Diana
 - Explore more partnerships
 - More outreach in this area (Riverside County)
 - Guardian Scholars program – students apply every year (Freshmen vs transfers vs juniors/seniors)
 - CSUF will host a visit from various Foster Youth groups
- Agenda item for next meeting: Transfer needs and ongoing partnerships with Cal State Fullerton, etc.
 - Discuss how to best be prepared for the Guardian Scholar program
 - What help is there available (list of resources/support)
- **Next Meeting**
 - Tuesday, March 1, 2016 1:00pm-2:30pm
- **Adjournment – 2:47pm**