

# Foster Youth Success Committee December 13, 2016

#### **MINUTES**

**Present**: Steven Gonzales, Andrea Acosta, Amanda Rubin, Mary Grothem, Adriana Catalan, Dr. Gustavo Oceguera, Monica Esparza, Monica Huizar, Tabitha Montoya, Pablo Sanchez, Tracy Kazsuk, Randee Kirkemo, Dr. Koji Uesugi, Tabitha Johnson (recorder)

**Absent:** Daniela McCarson, Hortencia Cuevas, Justin Mendez, Kristi Perez, Annie Hanson, Lisa McAllister

• Meeting called to order: Dr. Koji Uesugi 1:05 pm

## Approval of November 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes

o Motion to approve: Mary Grothem

o Seconded: Monica Esparza

Abstentions: 2Motion carried

## • Chair's Report

## o Governor's Innovation Awards Grant App Update

- Possibly hire a Transition specialist to work with director to go out to colleges
- This helps provide a connection with the K-12
- Persistence plus and push notifications
- Stronger completion rates
- Using technology to support students
- FASFA completion rates
- A program that impacts all 3 colleges
- They will write the grant and we need to contribute
- Start as early as middle school
- Create an office for our Foster Youth on campus
- Another meeting next Monday to go over the evaluation component, and the grant
- Envisioning 2.5 million dollars and anticipate a 5 year timeline to use this money

### o So CA Higher Ed FY Consortium's Next Mtg. – Tues, Jan 10, 2017 at 8:30 @ CSULA

- Meets quarterly
- Will be held at CAL State L.A. one-day meeting 9-2
- They go around to CSU,USC and private colleges to see their best practices
- A great way to make connections with other colleges and other researchers
- Good to attend to see how other Colleges work
- Koji will send out the information if members are interested

#### Discussion Items

- o Foster Youth College Bound Day Friday, January 27, 2017 @ 9:00 am
  - Review Planning Template
  - Monica made 17 FY holiday bags
  - Debrief notes 2016- See attached Revised Agenda
  - 68 currently in the book for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Mary will send out an email for a more anticipated count
  - Wristbands will still be in place
  - Activity for early arrivals- Monica. E & Monica. H
  - Outreach Department- reach out to other departments for items for our welcome bags and Monica. H said she has student workers to assist our Outreach department
  - goodie bags -M&M's, water, granola or energy bars-Steven pay out of the grant
  - Students will sign in prior to exiting the bus
  - Breakfast items- through coral set-up upon arrival-Gustavo & Monica. H
  - Casandra Willis CNUSD Welcoming
  - College Welcome- College President
  - Place agendas in there bag
  - Schools are back by Jan 9th
  - Have the counselors make sure they apply first before the College Bound day
  - Application to apply starts January 13th
  - Adriana in Outreach- will go out to the H.S. and conduct application workshops (meet with Pablo prior to going out)
  - Seniors-Design Face to face Orientation (45 min) including our Title 5 elements ask Amy Kramer, Steven, Monica. H, and Koji to prepare this orientation
  - CTE-video and Introduction- (Jesse) Monica will ask him
  - Juniors-Financial Aid- Koji will ask Leticia or Sandra
  - Take out AB-216
  - Talk about Thrive- Independent living
  - Rooms all held in IT building
  - Sophomores-Interactive workshop about what and how to prepare for post high schoolask Dee Hankins to have a workshop on "What's Next"
  - Create a resource table-DPSS/Thrive/CTE/RCOE/Inspire/EOPS/SSS/Student Life/ Dee Hankins/ Upper Lounge CSS order 6 tables and table banners-25LIVE –Tab
  - \$10 gift cards
  - Flyer from Monica Esparza will be sent out to Pablo/Mary
  - Purchase wristbands before next meeting ask Daniela where to purchase them
- Keynote Recommendation: Dee Hankins with college motivation workshop (\$2,500)
  - Interactive Presentation to all grades-Dee Hankins- pay out of the grant
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# • CNUSD High School Seniors Preparation for College

 $\circ \quad \text{Review foster youth seniors count} \\ \text{n/a}$ 

- o December CAMP Update- December 9-11th Big Bear Lake
  - 34 students and 25 adults
  - Zip lining, high ropes course, s'mores
  - The kids became even closer
  - Sarah Gonzalez leads his event
  - Dance party Sat night
  - Survey data for Summer
  - Pablo said he will re-visit this day to change the date next year
  - Counselors also spoke about their personal struggles
- Next Meeting
  - o Tuesday, January 17, 2017 @ 1:00-2:30 pm ST 107

Adjournment at: 2:39 pm