

JUNTOS Student Exchange Planning Meeting
Meeting January 5, 2009
Española High School
4:10 pm - 5:30pm

JUNTOS Vision Statement

JUNTOS, a youth-driven initiative to create a new future,
Characterized by unity, through embracing and valuing all
people, communities and cultures.

Attendees: Lori Heimdahl Gibson, Ashley Duran, Nat Gustafson, Dulce A, Jackie A, Fernanda Muños, Katrina (KJ) Juarez, Leandra Gahegos, Max Villa, Joeene Duran, Diane Touns, Shayla McCall, Sharon Stover, Mr. L. and Jenn Bartram

Facilitator: Lori Heimdahl Gibson
Co-facilitator: Diane Touns

ACTION ITEMS GENERATED:

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Person:</u>	<u>Date Completed:</u>
Determine if exchange is possible for January	Diane, Dulce	
Talk with EVHS counselors	Mr L.	

**Because one of the two host families were not going to be available during that weekend the Student Exchange was cancelled for January via an email sent by Lori Heimdahl Gibson on 01/06/09

History of Exchange: Sharon – excited about the exchange because a woman in her early 60 said it was one of her highlights of her high school career.

Experience the Community: Diane – it’s important that no matter what community you are in you need to experience some things to do in that community. Loris added the importance of understanding the culture.

Starting Out Small: Lori – 4 students in 2 homes for this January, make it as simple as possible.

Stipends to the Families Hosting: We could have a stipend for each family that is hosting (for food and entertainment).

Communication Issues: Dulce – reminded everyone that not all parents understand English very well.

Scheduling issues in EVHS: Mr L – questioned the scheduling issue since EVHAS runs on 90 minute blocks. When you’re here for 90 minutes in a class that you’re not accountable for and shadowing for 90 minutes it is too long. Have the EV students get out of class so they can go to other classes.

Mass Media: Carol – questioned about publicity prior to or after?? I could write about it after and an article about ongoing recruitment. Jenn – article before from Carol and an article after from the kids. Dulce – informed everyone that the radio will be calling her so she can do an interview and talk about the exchange.

Specifics:

Time: Saturday later afternoon – 2-3 pm through lunch on Monday

Stipend for host family – for food \$100 and horse races

Survey the kids afterward

Transportation – to be worked out later

Plan B or backup Plan – Uncomfortable for some reason – backup plan with parents and host family.

Contact person – Jenn

Hostess Gifts – talk later about that

Thank you card – within one week from the students

Recorded by Jenn Bartram, JUNTOS Coordinator – viewfinderm@yahoo.com – 672-3405