

## JJAB Minutes

Wednesday, February 2, 2011  
Camino Entrada, Pajarito Cliffs Site  
Building 1  
Los Alamos, NM  
6:15 PM

**Board Members Present:** Alan Kirk, Morrie Pongratz, Randy Smith, Pat Casados, Molly Niday, Michelangelo Lubato

**Others:** Cheryl Pongratz, Bernadette Lauritzen, Sharon Marinuzzi, Dave Foster, Kristine Coblentz, Jenn Bartram, Myles Gurule, Sarah Park, Chris Bernstein, Mike Wizmer, Jane Johnson, Steve Koch, Susan Mack, Debbie Gill

- 1. Welcome** – Chair Alan Kirk welcomed everyone at 6:15 PM.
- 2. Introductions** – Introductions were made by members and visitors. Alan introduced the two new hourly JJAB Coordinators, Kristine Coblentz and Sharon Marinuzzi
- 3. NO Quorum**- minutes were not approve. (It was an incredibly cold evening.)
- 4. Presentation**- Due to weather issues, Erica Padilla, NM JJAC Youth Committee canceled. She will try to reschedule her presentation.
- 5. Pride Surveys:** Morrie Pongratz gave a “snapshot” report on the results of the Pride Surveys 2010-11 Report of Los Alamos Public Schools: 15.8% of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders reported cigarette use in the past 30 days; 38.2 % of 12<sup>th</sup> graders reported use of beer, wine or hard liquor in the last 30 days. Other areas surveyed: where marijuana is used; whether parents set clear rules; where tobacco is used; use of marijuana in the last 30 days; where alcohol is used; perception risk of marijuana. To access Morrie's reports, please contact [Deb4JJAb@aol.com](mailto:Deb4JJAb@aol.com).  
Regarding the report, Jenn Bartram did ask whether electronic cigarettes were included in the survey. Morrie responded that they were not. It was requested that the coordinator send out Katie Bridgewater's info sheet on electronic cigarettes.  
A discussion developed regarding student perception of the risks of marijuana since kids are smoking marijuana in their cars.
- 6. Reports from Agencies and Programs:**
  - Family Strengths Network** – Susan Mack passed out fliers and reviewed currently offered programming at FSN. Visit [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org) for more information.
  - LACDC** – Bernadette Lauritzen promoted several Assets programs. She reported that 117 people attended the *Spirit of the West Award Ceremony*. Pat Casados complimented Bernadette on the event and the Board applauded Bernadette for her work.
  - Los Alamos Family Council**- Cheryl reported on The TUPAC program and that TUPAC Coordinator Katie Bridgewater is doing an excellent job. Katie is very active with the Youth Action Team. Cheryl reported that smoking is illegally allowed on school campus. Electronic cigarettes are not on campus. There is no proven cessation plan for youth. TUPAC may not be funded next year.

**YMCA-** Jenn Bartram promoted the *Red and Black Ball* on February 12. The money generated from the event supports YMCA scholarships. Construction at the Y is going well and membership is up.

Youth mobilizers Myles reported that Talk with a Topper is being developed for 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. The newspaper, Topper Talk is still being written and handed out. YM is helping with Senior Sidekicks.

*The Bridge Teen Center* is developing nicely. A painting party is scheduled for February 19. Michelangelo has helped develop a Youth Advisory Board which is facilitating the interaction of different groups of kids. The soft opening of the Center is February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Public Review of Documents** – Chair Kirk reported that a request was received from the public to review financial documents.

**8. Board Area of Interest** – Alan reported that the State might cut the JJAB budget. The County RFP for the CYFD contract should be out in April. Agencies are encouraged to develop their list of budget needs for JJAB. The coordinator will contact Agencies regarding budget needs. Alan also stressed that it is “imperative to communicate and collaborate”.

**9. Next Meeting Date:** March 2, 2011, Building 1, Camino Entrada, Pajarito Cliffs, Los Alamos

**10. Adjourn** – Chair Kirk adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

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Alan Kirk, Chair JJAB

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