

Minutes

Wednesday, July 18, 2007

Los Alamos School Board Room – 6:15 p.m.

Present: Alan Kirk, Arturo Naegelin, Bernadette Lauritzen, Georgina Williams, Grace Brown, Janet Tallman, Joan Hurd, Jody Benson, John Reninger, Jordan Schoonover, Keith Lewis, Kelsey Souza, Kateri Morris, Krystal Zellner, Michael LeBlanc, Noah Sandoval, Nona Bowman, Pat Casados, Richard Lindahl, Susan Sisneros, Wayne Torpy, and Sharon Stover

Others: Barb Marcille, Jeff Eichorst, Police Officer Nicholl Sanchez, Cpl. James Rodriguez, Cpl. Oliver Morris, Lisa Gonzales, Jennifer Bartram, Rhett Jenkins, and Shannon Bell

1. **Welcome.** Board Chair, Alan Kirk, welcomed members and visitors.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Judge Pat Casados moved to approve the minutes for May 16, 2007; Noah Sandoval seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Recognition of Jordan Schoonover.** Judge Kirk, Board Chair, presented Jordan with a certificate of appreciation for her service on the board and representing Natural Helpers. Jordan is a graduating senior and a new member from Natural Helpers will be recruited once school begins.
4. **Approval of Board Retreat Work and Discussion of Path Forward – Thom Allena, Facilitator, *Innovations In Justice*.** Thom Allena reviewed the work accomplished at the two half day board retreat in June and requested that all board members get engaged in one of the six subcommittee (Rules, Data/Evaluation, Continuum, Advocacy, Youth, and Finance) and develop one or two projects to accomplish within the next six months (see attached sheet). He also requested that the board approve the draft mission and vision statements:

Mission: *All our youth and adults are positively engaged in our society.*

Vision: *We strive to help youth and families feel and be connected, valued, and recognized through community, family, and individual activities.*

Board members took pen to paper and signed up for at least one subcommittee and met for approximately fifteen minutes and developed a meeting schedule and developed one or two action items.

Thom Allena commended the board for the work they have accomplished and strongly encouraged them to maintain the progress and momentum.

5. **501 c3 Status.** Judge Kirk stated that the 501 c3 packet prepared with the assistance of Christine Chandler is being reviewed by the IRS and until final approval is given by the IRS, our status is in limbo. He further reported that at its meeting on July 17, the County Council approved the RFP for Juvenile Services and awarded JJAB \$139,225 in funding that will be distributed in monthly payments by the County to JJAB. He requested that the board review the proposed budget and the breakout of expenditures for programs and services and approve the budget. Jody Benson moved that the board accept the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year; Bernadette Lauritzen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (a hand count of the board budget motion was taken and individuals who had a direct conflict of interest did not vote). In addition, at its meeting on June 12, the School Board approved \$10,000 in funding for the JJAB. Judge Kirk also reported that the United Way is providing grant funding for up to three years not to exceed \$10,000 each year and JJAB will submit two programs: JUNTOS and the 40 Developmental Assets; deadline for application is August 8, and we will

notified by September 5th. Relative to the insurance requirements as part of the County's contract with JJAB, State Farm has provided insurance general liability and an accounting services were also procured from James Dinkle.

6. **rad.Kids – Lisa Gonzales.** Lisa Gonzales who is volunteering her time and is a certified radkids instructor presented the program to the board that will be provided by the YMCA for free for youth ages 5-12. The program gives kids the tools to stay safe by providing them with self-realization and personal power. The program teaches emergency response to children in a way that makes it second nature. The 10-hour program focuses on child home-alone safety, school bullying, bike and gun safety, abduction defense, and good-bad-uncomfortable touch recognition. The program will begin in September and with the financial assistance of JJAB (\$3,000), DWI Grant (\$1,500) and the Police Department (\$2,840). Jennifer Bartram suggested that the rad.kids would be good to partner with the WHO program. Lisa Gonzales and the Police Department will be working to get the word out to the public and will be providing information at the Gordon's Concerts.
7. **CYFD Grant & Prevention Program Update.** Sharon provided the board with a monthly report on board activities. She noted that the funding from CYFD will be broken down for July – September and then the RFP that includes the \$2M in funding will be issued by CYFD for the funding time period of October – June 30, 2008. She referred the board to the proposed \$15,000 in funding from CYFD for July 1 – September 30, 2007 that includes the alcohol/substance abuse, delinquency, girls circle and restorative justice programs as well as the coordinator's salary.
8. **Board Areas of Interest.** A. Underage Drinking and Substance Abuse Subcommittee. The board reviewed the action and outcomes from the May Town Hall and volunteers were solicited to follow-up with their respective groups:
Robert Gibson -- did not attend the meeting, but his name was suggested
Police -- Oliver Morris volunteered
Business/Agencies -- Jim Berrigan did not attend, but his name was suggested
Youth -- Noah Sandoval volunteered
School Board / Administration -- Jody Benson volunteered
David Sims will follow-up with each individual and report back to the board. Sharon reported that the presentations from the Town Hall are available on the JJAB web page as a video (www.losalamosjjab.com). Judge Kirk reported that the School Board did not endorse having a random drug testing policy for students enrolled in extracurricular programs. Jody Benson reviewed with the board the changes in the Extracurricular Activities Code adopted by the School Board at a recent meeting. The code is available on the school web site: www.laschools.net/lahs. B. 100 Best Communities Conference. Barb Marcille reported on the recent conference she attended in Houston and handed out a sheet of some ideas that we may consider incorporating into our programs. C. JUNTOS - Lori Heimdahl-Gibson. Lori was on travel and a full report could not be made. Sharon informed the board that the JUNTOS members are reading and extra copies are available for JJAB members to read the book: "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?" that discusses the issues with race. D. White Rock Skateboard Park Festival – Rhett Jenkins. Rhett Jenkins distributed a flyer on the upcoming competition scheduled for August 12, and is sponsored by TADA and encouraged members to spread the word.
9. **Next Meeting Date.** The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2007, at 6:15 p.m. at the School Board Room, located at 651 Trinity Drive.

Submitted by Sharon Stover