

JJAB Minutes

Wednesday, July 20, 2011
Camino Entrada, Pajarito Cliffs Site
Building 1
Los Alamos, NM
6:15 PM

Board Members Present: Alan Kirk, Morrie Pongratz, Michael Vigil, Pat Casados, Michelangelo Lobato, Janine Tulenko, Mike Wismer, Georgina Williams, Rex Kilburn

Others: Sharon Marinuzzi, Kristine Coblentz, Melanie McKinley, Jane Johnson, Dr. Gene Schmidt, Cheryll Milgrim, Jenn Bartram, Susan Mack, Dave Suszcynsky, Elizabeth Grant, Steven Koch, Lorraine Whalen, Paul Cook, Jin Park

- 1. Welcome** – Chair Alan Kirk welcomed everyone at 6:15 PM.
- 2. Introductions** – Introductions were made by members and visitors.
- 3. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes for the June 2011 meeting were approved; Pat Casados motioned for approval; Morrie Pongratz seconded the motion.
- 4. Presentations - Dr. Gene Schmidt** - Dr. Schmidt congratulated Rex Kilburn on his selection as the new Los Alamos Middle School Principal and provided information on the progress made on the district's strategic planning efforts to develop a pathway to the top 100 schools. He explained that key areas of interest included quality teachers, leaders, and staff, aligned resources and support systems, parent and community partnerships, and systems for continuous improvement. Dr. Schmidt encouraged participation in the planning process from the JJAB and its partnering agencies.

Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch will be featured as the keynote speaker at the "Back to School" event. In addition, the LAPS and the JJAB will sponsor a free presentation featuring Ms. Kickbusch, Monday, August 8th from 6-9 pm at the Duane Smith Auditorium.

Lorraine Whalen (Learning Coach / NovaNET Coordinator) - Ms. Whalen presented JJAB Chair, Judge Alan Kirk, with a bouquet of flowers to show her appreciation for JJAB funding the NovaNET Credit Recovery program at LAHS. JJAB has been funding subscriptions to NovaNET, courseware and instructional content delivered on a state-of-the-art web platform that uses a standard web browser. JJAB provided additional funding this summer to pay staff to supervise and facilitate NovaNET use. Ms. Whalen reported that 56 students in the summer program were able to utilize NovaNET to make up outstanding credits. She also shared that the students were so committed to the program, many of them worked through the Las Conchas fire evacuation.

LAHS Vice Principal Cheryll Milgrim - Ms. Milgrim has joined LAHS as the new Vice Principal and is currently working on implementing the new Saturday School Program. She presented a budget and tentative schedule for the upcoming school year. Ms. Milgrim stated the objective of the program is to keep LAHS students in school and provide them with the opportunity to attend Saturday school to make up for attendance, academic assignments,

and/or students can be assigned for disciplinary reasons. The program is scheduled to start August 27th and will run from 8-12. Data will be collected at the end of each 9 weeks grading period and will be analyzed to provide a base line for the program. The total budget requested for the program is \$4,950.00.

5. Reports from Agencies and Programs -

LACDC - On behalf of Bernadette Lauritzen, Jenn Bartram thanked the JJAB for its support of Assets in Action and the recent "Minute to Win It" events. She also mentioned an upcoming prom event that Bernadette will be working on if anyone wanted to offer assistance.

Los Alamos Family Council - Steve Koch reported that Family Council had downsized to 2 part-time administrators and 3 part-time counselors.

YMCA - Michelangelo Lobato reported that the Teen Center was doing well with steady attendance (with the exception of the week following the fire evacuation) and he explained the Teen Center's new hours of operation. The Center is open M-W 10-8, Thur. 10-9 (open mike night), Fri. 10-11 and Sat. 1-11. He indicated if students were still present at closing time, that the staff would adjust and keep the Center open an extra hour.

Family Strengths Network – Family Strengths Network is closed in July.

Request from Jin Park re: Eagle Scout Project - Jin requested \$2,000 from the JJAB to buy materials to make seed balls (clay balls mixed with seed and potting soil) for his Eagle Scout Project. He indicated the \$2,000 would equate to 100,000 seed balls. Judge Kirk directed him to submit a written proposal for the JJAB's consideration.

6. Budget - The FY12 JJAB budget was presented to the Board. Janine Tulenko motioned to approve the FY12 budget; Michelangelo Lobato seconded; Pat Casados opposed; the FY12 budget was approved by the remaining quorum members.

7. Board Areas of Interest – The JJAB is seeking two student representatives to sit on the Board, as well as members from the faith community and the DA's office. The upcoming Board Retreat will focus on communicating with youth / looking at social media and effective ways to communicate. Provider service contracts are being drafted and should be provided to the agencies within the next few weeks.

8. Next Meeting Date: August 17, 2011, Building 1, Camino Entrada, Pajarito Cliffs, Los Alamos

9. Adjourn – Chair Kirk adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Alan Kirk, Chair JJAB

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