

JJAB Minutes

Wednesday, September 15, 2010
White Rock Town Hall
White Rock, NM
6:15 PM

Present: Alan Kirk, Morrie Pongratz, Jeannette Wallace, Wayne Torpy, Janine Tulenko, Molly Niday, Jody Benson, Pat Casados, Randy Smith, Linda Anderman, Jessica Howze, Meagan Pfeffer, Michelangelo Lobato, Georgina Williams, Rex Kilburn,

Others: Lori Heimdahl Gibson, Bernadette Lauritzen, Richard Lindahl, Debbie Gill, Jenn Bartram, Cheryl Pongratz, Collette Fordham, Linda Daly, Sharon Stover, Claire Bernstein, Paula Dean, Peggy Pendergast, Amy Jo Rosenbaum

- 1. Welcome** – Chair Alan Kirk welcomed members and visitors at 6:10 PM.
- 2. Introductions** – Introductions were made by members and visitors. New Board Member Jessica Howze was welcomed.
- 3. July 21, and August 18, 2010 minutes approval:** Pat Casados motioned, Janine Tulenko Seconded; unanimous approval.
- 4. Teen Multi-Purpose Facility Initiative Update** - Chair Kirk reported on a “successful step one” as the result of the Tuesday, September 14 County Council approval of an RFP for financial support of a “Bridge” transitional multi-purpose teen center. Alan, Linda Daly and Morrie Pongratz advocated for county financial support of a transitional teen center at the meeting. Alan stressed that JJAB needs to maintain the “push” to ensure success with this project. There will be a budget revision which Linda is helping to develop. Alan thanked the Youth Mobilizers and other youth that attended the council meeting and once again stressed that we should expect some community “push back” against this project and that we need to get the community involved. We also need to develop a report on “lessons learned” from the previous teen center that failed.
- 5. Recommendations from Parent Summit Groups** – Paul Dean, Assistant Supt. Los Alamos Public Schools. The recommendations are on the school web site. Paula thanked JJAB for support of LAPS and the students. She mentioned that 11% of the students are not graduating. The recommendations are that LAPS
 - develop district wide descriptors relating to academic and behavioral risk factors
 - develop a process that transitions students from Pre-K to post High and establishes a mechanism to improve transition
 - develop and implement a response to intervention strategies that student Assistant Teams be convened as quickly as possible upon recognition of students' below average performance in any class
 - meet with each student who is considering dis enrollment from LPAS
 - individual schools develop a plan that ensures 100% of parents know what to do when they believe their child is experiencing difficulties
 - focus more on Special Education Students and needs

- Support the development of a Youth Center
- eliminate block scheduling-reduce class length from 100 minutes to 50 minutes
- develop time line and strategies utilizing benchmarks for services and being responsive to costs
- Reconvene Parent Summit Groups

6. Chair Kirk digressed from the Agenda and encouraged discussion of youth issues:

Chief Torpy- Before and After School activities reduce crime which is a good thing for the community. JJAB should bring in staff from other youth centers to relay their Center successes to our community. We need to educate the community on the need and benefit of before and after school activities. We need to develop ideas on how to educate the community.

Bernadette Lauritzen – All kids are at risk

Janine Tulenko – The bigger risk is to NOT have a Teen Center. It is a benefit to have a Teen Center.

Jenn Bartram – Some kids are forced to drive their drunk parents home; some kids are 17 years old and homeless. There are extreme cases in town.

Jess Howze – Kids are hanging out in the canyon near the skate park. It is easy to get drugs. Some kids are high and drunk in school. Teachers do not say anything to kids. Kids need a safe place.

Laurie Heimdahl Gibson – Would like to give report she and Barb Marcille developed for the Youth Summit. We need to help youth find their “spark”. We can do a lot for kids if we’re “on the same page”.

Linda Daly – discussed the need for quality programming

Torpy – We need to prevent crime; “fold in all the pieces”. Develop quality day care systems.

Collette Fordham – has a Masters in Social Work and introduced herself as the new “Truancy Officer” at the high school.

Dick Lindahl – There is value to the JJAB. We need to contact Tommy Rodriguez about the program at Capital High School. Parents need access to resources. Parents don't know what to do and they need support.

Jess Howze – High School should be a closed campus.

7. Reports from Agencies and Programs

- YMCA – Linda Daly introduced Amy Joe Rosenbaum the new Youth Mobilizer Coordinator.
- Los Alamos Family Council – Cheryl Pongratz discussed smoking on school grounds. Katie Bridgewater, TUPAC Coordinator, is writing a \$2,000 proposal to Kiwanis to further support the anti-smoking campaign.
- Family Strengths Network – Jenn Bartram passed out the FSN Newsletter. She needs referrals for her classes. Michelangelo is presenting EYF in the Middle School.
- Teen Court – Molly promoted the new teen court web site; it is linked to the JJAB web site. Teen attorneys are needed.
- LACDC – *Cookies and Conversation* continues the first Monday each Month. 50 - 55 participants in the Rachel's Challenge.
- Sharon Stover has coordinated the JJAC state wide meeting in White Rock on Friday, October 1. Davis Innovations will give a report on evaluation at the October JJAB meeting.

8. Next Meeting Date: October 20 ,2010, Pajarito Cliffs Site, Camino Entrade, Bldg #1, 6:15 PM.

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

October 5, 2010/dfg