

**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 2009**  
**Los Alamos School Board Room**  
**651 Trinity Drive**  
**6:15 pm**

**Present:** Alan Kirk, Randy Smith, Heather Teter, Morrie Pongratz, Sandy Warnock, Megan Pfeffer, Rex Kilburn, Jeremy Hatfield, Oliver Funsten, Michaelangelo Lobato, Wayne Torpy, Janine Tulenko, Darla Dover, Jody Benson, Vicki Nelms

**Others:** Sharon Stover, Cheryl Pongratz, Debbie Gill, Linda Daly, Arturo Naegelin, Richard Lindahl, Susan Fellows, Susan Mack, Bernadette Lauritzen, Sara Taylor

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** At 6:15 pm, Chair Alan Kirk called the meeting to order and welcomed members and visitors. Everyone introduced themselves. New Board members Oliver Funsten, Jeremy Hatfield, Sandy Warnock, Donna Grim/Rex Kilburn were introduced. A service award certificate was handed to Sandy Warnock to be given to Grace Brown, who is retiring and vacating her JJAB position. All board members were reminded to hand in their Board Member *Principles of Commitment* form to the Coordinator.

**2. Reports from Agencies:**

YMCA – Susan Odegard Fellows, Coordinator for the Homecoming/Prom After Parties, introduced herself. The October 3<sup>rd</sup> Homecoming After Party had 67 kids participate at the United Church; 157 kids participated at the Theater for three different movies. Susan also now manages Fifth Quarter which had an average of 50 kids. Oliver Funsten commented that more kids would most likely attend the After Homecoming Party if transportation were available to the Movies for the freshmen. Linda Daly reported on an application for a Kellogg Grant for JUNTOS.

Los Alamos Family Council- Cheryl Pongratz reported that Marsha Mundt has been hired as the Truancy Intervention person. Sandy Warnock is working with Marsha and finds Marsha “wonderful”.

Family Strengths Network – Susan Mack reported that FSN is managing three Girl Circles and that due to program fidelity issues, Girls Circle can no longer offer the flexibility it has offered in the past. Envision Your Future is involving younger kids.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** A quorum was reached. Minutes of October 21, 2009 meeting approved. Michaelangelo Lobato made the motion, Megan Pfeffer seconded; unanimous approval.

**4.** Chair Alan Kirk discussed need for JJAB preparation for the annual budget process. Representatives from all the JJAB funded agencies need to meet with Alan to gather information on agency funding priorities. The coordinator will contact all agency executive directors and schedule a time to meet. Alan confirmed that JJAB does not want to over stress or “program out” the agencies but wants to help meet agency needs. Cheryl Pongratz commented on a RFP approved by Council for a community needs assessment. The RFP has not gone out yet.

**5. Update – Assets in Action – Bernadette Lauritzen** – Bernadette informed the Board that she needs to leave the board meeting early due to a family obligation at an awards ceremony. Bernadette works 20 hours a week as the Coordinator of Assets. One of the Assets projects is A Family “A Fare”, co-sponsored by JJAB with support from the Con Alma NNM Health Grant Group. As the promotional flier describes, “The program, planned for each elementary school, is intended to educate parents and their children about nutrition, exercise and simple changes for a healthier lifestyle.” Bernadette brought two healthy, nutritious food trays to share with the Board. Bernadette taught Bullying Prevention with the “Change of Heart” program to 6,7, 8 and freshman classes. The program has a focus of building healthy relationships with others. She encouraged the students to write thank you cards to the LAPS staff resulting in a total of 800 cards to be delivered to the staff very soon. Bernadette commented that it is a pleasure to work with the kids and that within a week she will begin a “Sparks” program that asks kids what their interests are. Cookies and Conversation continues to go well. A First Annual Awards Ceremony is being developed with URS Washington Group funding. Bernadette encouraged all to submit a nomination for the award.

**6. CYFD GRANT & Prevention Program Update** - Information on the budget was passed out at the meeting. Sharon Stover reported on the development of a You Tube video being developed with Jack Oretaga to promote the need for funding from the state. She has worked with Sandoval County giving information on forming a 501(c)3 JJAB organization. Marcie Davis will give a report on the evaluation process in January. Sharon also stressed that board members check out the update on the strategic plan-- a copy of which was passed out. Board members are to take a look at the plan and give comments to coordinator by the end of November. Coordinator will send out a reminder.

### **7. Board Areas of Interest – I**

JJAB member Barb Marcille has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the National Association of Youth Courts. Barb has also been awarded the President's Service Award for 2009 by the National Association of Youth Courts for her work designing, editing and writing the publication “Youth Court 101”. Congratulations Barb! The NAYC brochure highlights kids from LA.

In reviewing the October 21 JJAB Retreat, Chair Kirk commented that ground rules need to be set for interaction with Youth Panels. The Panels offer an opportunity for youth to talk. They do not offer an opportunity for adults to debate with adults. JJAB wants to give kids an opportunity to express their thinking. Morrie Pongratz suggested that Alan, Sharon, Deb and he meet with the Natural Helpers Club at the high school to gather information from youth.

Alan has received much positive feed back on the Suttle presentation.

Recently, Superintendent Dr. Schmidt called a “Drug Summit” to discuss student drug usage. Kids are being more brazen with their marijuana use. Cheryl Pongratz wanted the Board to know that Michelangelo Lobato is teaching the Life Skills program.

Because of many conflicts, there will be no December JJAB meeting.

The next JJAB meeting is on January 20, 2010.

**8. Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.