

Minutes
Wednesday, September 16, 2009
Los Alamos School Board Room
651 Trinity Drive
6:15 pm

Present: Georgina Williams, Randy Smith, Michaelangelo Lobato, Grace Brown, Wayne Torpy, Tommie Rodriguez, Janine Tulenko, Darla Dover, Pat Casados, Jody Benson alternate, Thelma Hahn.

Others: Dr. Jean Schmidt, Sharon Stover, Cheryl Pongratz, Debbie Gill, Linda Daly, Josh Dolin, Emi Weeks, Sylvan Argo

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** At 6:15 pm, Wayne Torpy called the meeting to order and welcomed members and visitors. Everyone introduced themselves.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of August 19, 2009 meeting approved. Michaelangelo Lobato made the motion, Pat Casados seconded; unanimous approval.
- 3. Youth Mobilizers and other YMCA JJAB Programs–** Emi Weeks, Josh Dolin, Sylvan Argo and Linda Daly - Josh and Emi updated the Board on a photo scavenger hunt with the Senior Sidekicks. This “get to know the high school activity” involved 150 students and was a great bonding experience for the freshmen and seniors. Josh and Emi have also begun “Topper Talk”, a newspaper at the high school. They followed high school procedure and developed a club and found a sponsor, Mr. Easton. They hope to print the one page, two sided paper twice a month. Printing costs are a challenge. Wayne Torpy suggested that the Police Dept could sponsor for a month and that perhaps other organizations in town could sponsor during other months. Randy Smith also offered assistance in printing. Josh and Emi will make phone calls to set up sponsors. Linda Daly, ED at the YMCA, reported on Fifth Quarter. Josh and Emi helped with the first Fifth Quarter which had about 50 kids. A \$100 prize was offered and helped pull kids into the activity. Susan Fellows is the new coordinator for Fifth Quarter and the After Party for the Prom and Homecoming. Sylvan reported that all the YM projects grew out of YM surveys and comments from students. Coordinator Sylvan Argo reported that Action Research will continue.
- 4. Search Institute Survey Results –** Georgina Williams--- Morrie Pongratz and Georgina compiled the results of the 2009 Survey. Morrie couldn't attend tonight's meeting. Georgina began the presentation with answering the question: Why Survey? She explained that the school system surveys because “we are a data-driven school district”. The survey results educate schools, agencies, local boards and community members about problem behaviors; evaluate effectiveness of prevention and intervention efforts, and help to implement prevention curricula and other strategies for the schools and community. The info gathered from the surveys is used by agencies to secure grant funding. The survey is based on 40 Developmental Assets identified by the Search Institute. These 40 experiences and qualities are essential in healthy development. The more assets youth have the more successful they become.
Survey Results: (1) Suicide: 2009 High School numbers lower than 2006; 2009 middle

school numbers higher than 2006; over 10% of students report having attempted suicide. (2) Students who ditch school are more likely to be thinking about suicide. (3) There is evidence of a significant decrease in alcohol use by classes of 2009, 2010 and 2011 relative to classes of 2006, 2007 and 2008. (4) There is a significant decrease in driving after drinking by classes of 2009 and 2010 relative to classes of 2006 and 2007. (5) Tobacco use is up across the board. (6) Marijuana use is up slightly except for classes of 2009 and 2010. (7) Over 25% of High school students skip school at least once a month. (8) 50% of High School seniors are non-virgins. Survey recommendations include: administering the survey every other school year in grades 4 – 12; provide resources to students and families based on presenting problems; find ways to inform the community about the survey results. *Survey Power Point is included in an attachment to the Minutes. Third page is difficult to read. To obtain a survey hard copy, please contact Georgina Williams, g.williams@laschools.net.* Georgina passed out info on 40 Developmental Assets.

5. Agency Reports - Linda Daly, ED of the YMCA, reported that Susan Fellows is the new Coordinator of the Prom/Homecoming “After Party”. Homecoming is Saturday, October 3, needs volunteers. To volunteer please contact sfell32@comcast.net. Cheryl Pongratz, Los Alamos Family Council, suggested that a Skate Board Advisory Board be established. She commented: “we need to celebrate the resource”. The Skate Park is considered a Park and not a part of the Recreation Division. Wayne Torpy said the County needs to decide how skate park is defined. Torpy will bring up to the County before park identity becomes a problem. Randy Smith commented that the skate park was extremely successful with summer activities in drawing in kids.

6. Subcommittees Reports-

Rules – No report

Data and Evaluation – Sharon reports that the Davis Innovations Evaluation/Best Practices report will be coming soon. The evaluation process is slower process than was first thought.

Advocacy –

Youth – No report

Finance –

7. CYFD GRANT & Prevention Program Update - Information was passed out at the meeting.

8. Board Areas of Interest – Retreat Discussion – Budget Approval

The 2009 JJAB Retreat Budget was reviewed. The cost for a speaker/facilitator, Dr. Earl Suttle, and related retreat expenses is \$5445. In order to maximize the visit of the speaker/facilitator, JJAB is opening part of the Board Retreat to any non-profit board member in the community. Dr. Earl Suttle will also be giving a presentation to high school students on Thursday, October 22. Pat Casados motioned to approve the budget, Grace Brown seconded; unanimous approval.

9. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

