



JUNTOS (Joining & Understanding Now, Teens Overcome Separation)

An Española/Los Alamos Youth Initiative

Youth JUNTOS Meeting
EVHS, December 6, 2007, 4:00-5:30 PM
Minutes

Attendees: LAHS Students-Benigno Sandoval. EVHS Students-Chris Shamy, Maria Tapia, Ricardo ?, Alexandria Ortiz, Michelle Fresquez, Brandon Aragon Carter, Dulce Avitia, Eidy Dominguez. **McCurdy Students**-Amanda Hernandez, Amanda Abeyta. **NNMC Students**-Nathana Bird **Adults**-David Fontaine, Sandra Roney, Diana Toups, Janelle Vigil-Maestas, Lorraine Martinez, Vicki Nelms, Lindsay Milligan, Dan Mauzy, Lori Heimdahl Gibson.

- Maurice de Segovia, NNMC, facilitated our energetic meeting.
- We went around the room for introductions. Several new attendees were present: Lindsay Milligan, the new Youth Director from LA YMCA who will be working with JUNTOS, David Fontaine, Assist. Principal and Athletic Director at EVHS, and two McCurdy students, Amanda Hernandez and Amanda Abeyta, and new EVHS students, Dulce Avitia, Eidy Dominguez, and Ricardo (I don't have your last name). Diane Toups from LAHS said that there were several LAHS students who wanted to attend, but had conflicts this evening.
- Janelle Vigil-Maestas gave a summary of the proposed youth summit with discussion following. She shared copies of an outline that Min Park developed for the youth summit committee meeting on November 8th in Española. We decided that we would start small, with a two-day, one-night summit at the El Rito Campus. We will try to recruit a maximum of 50 students; 25 from each community. Maurice and Janelle are taking the lead on the summit and will try to get days during the first week that school is out at the end of May, 2008. (More detailed information is on Min's outline.)
- On November 8th several adult leaders working with the LAYL program had a phone conference with Sean Hall, facilitator for the LAYL program. We discussed the joint dance in LA with JUNTOS students. We decided that for the best possible outcome, we need to do some team-building within the JUNTOS initiative BEFORE bringing the students together for a joint dance. Sharon Stover proposed Saturday, January 26th as a possible date for Sean to do the full-day team building for JUNTOS. After discussion, the students agreed that it is a good idea and thought that we could recruit 12-15 students from each community to participate. (Maximum of 30) Students want it to be held in Los Alamos so they can go to the basketball game between LA and Española that evening. (Possibly the Valley students attending the workshop could also go to the CAG dance that evening.)
- Linda Daly from the Y contacted Lori to do a presentation for LLA (Leadership Los Alamos) on January 25th in the morning. Lori asked the students if any of them wanted to come to present to the adult leaders in LLA that day. They would have to miss school that morning and would need transportation to LA, but Dave Fontaine said that we could make it happen. The following EVHS students volunteered: Brandon, Chris, Dulce, Maria, and Nathana from NNMC also volunteered. **We need some volunteers from LAHS.** Please contact Lori who will be organizing this presentation.
- Maurice handed out the outline summary from the Johanna Eager workshop on racism. He and Lori talked about some of the highlights for them. An energetic and emotional discussion followed with some of the students from Española sharing racist comments and experiences from their lives. We have work to do not only between but within our communities.
- We discussed the stalled-out murals project. Nathana said that she will take the lead, with help from Marcos Vigil, Andrew Herrera, and maybe Hands Across Cultures. We discussed possibly doing portable murals.
- The next youth meeting will be on February 6th at LAHS. Española students have a half-day in-service and will be bussed up to LA. There was discussion about whether some of the LA students could make arrangements to miss one class after lunch, in order to have a longer meeting. Food will be served. We'll focus on recruiting more interested youth.

- The next adult meeting-at-large is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11th at UNM-LA, 8:30-10:30 AM
- Thank you to EVHS for hosting our meeting.

Committees (so far):

Advisory - Nathana Bird, Janelle Vigil-Maestas, Maurice de Segovia, Lori Heimdahl Gibson, Lindsay Milligan. . . .

Funding - Robert Gibson (chair), Ron Martinez, Joe Maestas, Wayne Torpy, Jim Anderson, David Cockerham

Educational Leadership - Marcia Brenden (chair), Cedric Page, Sandra Roney, Frank Orona, Erwin Rivera

Youth Summit - Janelle Vigil-Maestas, Nathana Bird and Maurice de Segovia (co-chairs), Sharon Stover, Sandra Roney, Min Park, Diana Martinez, Lori Heimdahl Gibson, . . . **.we need more students!**

Murals - Nathana Bird, Marcos Vigil (co-chairs), Andrew Herrera, Maria Tapia, Gillian Sutton. . . . **.we need LA students!**

Joint Dances - Spartans (LAYL Team), Lori Heimdahl Gibson, Meegan Chute, Susan Mack (chaperone). . . .

Help as Can - Paul Romero, Erwin Rivera, Michelle Hall, Susan Mack (baked goods)

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