

Porterville Unified School District
Law, Justice & Education Academy
Advisory Board Meeting
October 22, 2014

Board Members present: President Robert K. Dempsie, Vice President Vonn Christenson, Acting Secretary Glade Roper, Tim Brown, Jeff Keele, Rick Land, John Nicholson, Michael Smith, Kaylee Murillo, Jonathan Schultz

Others present: Principal Apolinar Marroquin, teacher Jane Kisling, Alternate Reggie Calo

Staff present: District Pathways Coordinator Ruben Alvarez, WBL Coordinator Mimi Schuler

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Dempsie.

1. Christenson indicated that the proposed Bylaws provided that a representative of each class be a member of the Board. Kisling said it might be too difficult to get that many students out of class for meetings. Christenson proposed that the Bylaws be changed to provide that only one student will be on the Board. Murillo was unanimously accepted as the student representative.
2. Christenson moved that the proposed Bylaws be adopted; Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Christenson indicated that he will propose amended Bylaws at the next meeting to indicate that only one student will be on the Board.
3. Several students reported on Explore Your Future Day and Butterfield Stage Days.
4. Dempsie reported that the students who helped organize the Candlelight Vigil were very helpful in crowd control and organization and that their

assistance was appreciated by many people. Schuler indicated that the students learned that they need to get out of an abusive relationship.

5. Kisling reported:

- A. That Armando Silva will be at the next meeting to discuss Mock Trial. Christenson said he will act as coach and will discuss how to register with Kisling.
- B. Roper spoke to the classes about the difference between civil and criminal cases and the need for both systems. Other speakers will be invited.
- C. Junior and senior students will visit U.C. Santa Barbara November 12.
- D. November 7 will be the Murder in the Park activity.

6. Marroquin reported:

- A. All honor students should have an iPad by the end of December. Some teachers are already using them as an instructional tool and students are using them to do on-screen presentations. By the end of next year all students will be given iPads. Keele asked what is being done to control the students becoming gaming addicts with the iPads. Marroquin reported that the issue was discussed with parents, students and staff. Students can lose their iPad privileges if they abuse them. Kisling said the students are doing a unit about cyber-bullying, and will do a presentation on it later.
- B. LJE is the most requested pathway in the school district. There is currently no standardized testing to determine how effective the pathways are at learning, but it is being developed. 94% of the LJE students passed the CAHSEE test required for graduation.
- C. The network is not able to handle all the internet traffic, so two backups are used for all presentations.

7. Schuler reported that the Mentor's Conference will be April 17 and she would like the planning committee expanded. All Board members are invited to attend and said it is "linked learning at its best." Dempsie and Schultz volunteered to join the committee.

8. Alvarez reported that he wants to have internships for all students during Winter break, between December 19 and January 9. They can be every day or 2-3 times per week. He showed a video about internships. Almost 100% of the senior class will have an internship.

9. Christenson asked about adding subcommittees. Schuler reported on what other Advisory Boards do. Dempsie suggested that we add a curriculum subcommittee now, and later an Internship subcommittee. Christenson said he will chair the curriculum subcommittee.

10. The next meeting will be November 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15p.m.

Your Humble and Obedient Servant,

Glade F. Roper, Acting Secretary