

Porterville Unified School District
Law, Justice & Education Academy
Advisory Board Meeting
March 25, 2015

Board Members present: President Robert K. Dempsie, Vice President Vonn Christenson, Acting Secretary Glade Roper, Tim Brown, Michael Smith, Kaylee Murillo, Jake Castellow

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. Internships were discussed. Christenson indicated that his office might be able to provide internships.
2. Murillo gave a short report about activities.
3. Kisling reported that the senior students will make a presentation to the Board about the senior projects. The Board is invited to Senior Night May 4th at 6:00 p.m. for those who will be graduating in May. Dempsie indicated that the Board would be very interested in hearing from the seniors.
4. Marroquin reported that WASC want to track the students after graduation to monitor their progress and what careers they choose. He is working on developing a system to track students after graduation. We are using the National Academy Foundation linked learning model as the framework for our academy. The school district is seeking NAF certification, which will enhance the desirability of our students for colleges and universities. The UC system is presently the only university that recognizes it. Three pathways presently have certification, and LJE has 90% of what is required. Certification will

require a self-assessment every year, and may allow access to some scholarship money.

5. One Board member is invited to go to Anaheim with staff to attend the NAF national conference July 19 - 22. 3 or 4 teachers from each pathway will also attend.
6. Marroquin reported that each pathway has been given \$40,000 to use to improve the pathway from a grant received by the school district. It can be used for such things as speakers, travel and development. It is renewable for three years.
7. LJE had the greatest enrollment for the coming year. 140 out of 170 students applying were accepted. Freshman orientation will be April 16.
8. Schuler reported that the Mentors' conference will take place April 17. Richard Morris will be the guest speaker. Dempsie and Christenson will be there to participate. Roper was asked to appear on the panel. Student presentations will be exhibited April 28 at the Pathway to the Future exhibition.
9. Brown reported that Porterville College will have a Legal Aspects of Evidence class during summer school. Students taking it will be given priority for fall enrollment.
10. Christenson reported that at the P8 meeting he learned that some pathways have classes that qualify for college credit. LJE is doing well compared to other pathways.
11. Breaking Education out of the pathway and creating a separate pathway for it was discussed. This is the present plan.
 - A. Students are interested in participating in Mock Trial and will be preparing for it during the summer.

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

Your Humble and Obedient Servant,
Glade F. Roper, Acting Secretary