

Porterville Unified School District  
Law, Justice & Education Academy  
Advisory Board Meeting  
May 28, 2014

Board Members present: President Robert K. Dempsey, Vice President Vonn Christenson, Acting Secretary Glade Roper, Tim Brown, Gary Hunt, John Nicholson

Others present: Principal Apolinar Marroquin; teachers Rafael Martinez, Jane Kisling, Rich Lambie, Rebecca Chavez, Elissa Lombardi; Students Yanin Cervantes, Salvador Perez, Laura Sanford; Jonathan Schultz from Porterville College

Staff present: District Pathways Coordinator Ruben Alvarez

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Dempsey.

1. **Introductions:** Everyone present introduced themselves.
2. **Mud Run:** Dempsey announced that he had offered to pay the cost of entering a team of students in the CCFCC Mud Run June 7, 2014 and the students present have volunteered to participate.
3. **Mentors Conference:** Alvarez reported that the Mentors Conference had about 500 students present and it was very successful. One outstanding part was having professionals tell about their struggles and difficulties through school. The purpose of the conference is to give students insight into how to prepare for their future employment. Dempsey reported that the keynote speaker was Judge Val Saucedo. He and his wife then participated on a panel and were able to answer questions from the LJE students. All feedback from students was positive. Hunt and Nicholson also attended and said it was a very good activity.
4. **Job Shadowing:** Kisling asked if teachers could send time with Board members or other professionals to understand better what their careers entail. Despise clarified the difference between an internship and job

shadowing. Kisling indicated that the teachers would like to spend four to eight hours with them, and she would like to have students spend a week with a professional. Lambie then asked if students could also do job shadowing or internships, as that is one of the main goals of the Academy. He said the students are not seeking to get paid but are looking for experience. All Board members present indicated that they would be willing to arrange for job shadowing for the teachers and students. Dempsey said he is in charge of that for the District Attorney's office. Hunt said the Sheriff has a ride along program already in place. Dempsey said teachers could contact Board members directly. Alvarez said teachers will need to go through him to arrange for students to job shadow. Christenson said he thinks the school should start a debate team to prepare students for mock trial, and indicated that he would be able to arrange for coaches.

5. **Meeting Schedule:** Alvarez announced that school will begin August 11 and passed out a schedule for the next school year. It was decided that the next meeting will be September 24, 2014. Meetings will be the fourth Wednesday of each month except for the months of June, July and August. In November the meeting will be the third Wednesday because of Thanksgiving.
6. **Liaison:** Sabrina Racca will be the student liaison to the Board to arrange internships for students. Dempsey suggested that we should have a student member of the Advisory Board. After further discussion it was decided that a member of each class will sit on the Advisory Board and the senior class representative will be a voting member.
7. **Bylaws:** Christenson passed out proposed bylaws. Some suggestions for changes were made. Christenson will incorporate the changes and send them to all Board members. It is anticipated that bylaws will be adopted at the next meeting in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Your Humble and Obedient Servant,

Glade F. Roper, Acting Secretary