**2/22/17 EAT Pathway Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

Present:

John Buckley

Amanda Larson

John Akin

Bonnie Cotten

Ryan Leasure

Gunnar Avenalis

Charlie Albers

Julia Inestroza

Craig Britton

Jake Duffin

Christy Costa

Farm Update;

-Cropbox has been delivered

-Water is an issue, possible need to drill a new well as pulling from Harmony may be too far

-Fence-district has stated it will be built after the farm is up and running, this is unacceptable, Julia and Gunner agreed to speak to Dr Gibbs.

-Advisory board sees the need to close the gap between Dr Gibbs and the EAT Staff

-A Magnetic Pump Filter was donated by Magnation

-2 acres of chardonnay grapes are being donated by Duarte Nursery

-The main orchard will be made of grapes, the dead zones will grow a variety of fruit trees

-Need 6 acres lemons/1.5-2 acres of navels donated

-We should recognize our donors and sponsors both on our Facebook page as well as with a thank you note (as long as they have not opted to be anonymous)

-Dummy cameras needed all around the farm, Ryan may have a lead on some at the District Office

-Julia asked for an outline of what is needed as well as any resistance we may be receiving

-Discussion about hiring a Farm Manager, there is talk of hiring someone to teach Ag Mechanics 1/2 time and be the Farm Manager 1/2 time

-Mr Buckley can talk with Dr Gibbs regarding this

Mock Vet Clinic Update

-there are not yet roof shingles on the roof but there is a tarp that has not leaked

-cabinets and shelving are in

-sink is incomplete

-we are in the process of ordering a cage frame

Field Trips

-Sophomores will visit San Joaquin Hatchery

-Juniors will visit a Career Fair at the Ag Center in March

Curriculum

-2 Strands

    \*Early College

    \*Vet Science

Classes

-Need guest speakers?

-Advisory Board willing to come speak

-Amanda would like a speaker for her Ag Business Class

-Gunner would like to speak about Business Models

-Julia would like to speak about Co-Ops

NAF

-We are currently graded “Model” status pending a site visit

Projects

-Senior Project, Career Day is complete

-Sophomores are working on data in their math class

-Freshmen are planting

Pathway

-Amanda’s Ag Leadership class will be doing the $5 challenge

-Ag Business class will be creation a Co-Op, making for a loan, making products to sell, paying back the loan with interest and keeping their profit

Enrollment

-52 students for 2017-18 school year as of now

Pathway Office

-Finishing enrollment

-Mentor’s Conference coming soon

-1,100 students have applied for a Pathway

-Internship opportunities will soon be lined up for spring and summer, discussion about the importance of interviews and potential for interviews leading to internships

PC

-Ag numbers are growing, especially within the hispanic students

Advisory Board

-Julia proposed meeting every other month and staying in more frequent contact via email with the board members who relate to  specific strands

-Would like to add a beef or dairy person to the board

-Consider adding an Ag finance person to the board

Meeting adjourned a little later than usual but much was accomplished

NEXT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR

April 11 at 3:30 PM in the Strathmore High School Library