

MINUTES

Environmental Science Academy

Advisory Board Meeting

January 20, 2015

4:00 PM– 5:00 PM

Attendees: Richard Goode, Brian Rueger, Jason Biagio, Bud Darwin, Jim Whitfield, Nancy Bruce, Lupe , Brenda Merzoian, Ruben Alvarez, Mimi Schuler, Aaron , Mehmet McMillan

4:00 PM **Welcome & Introductions**
Welcomed Jason Biagio, GIS specialist for City of Porterville

4:05 PM **Approval of Minutes for:**
November 18, 2014 approved w/ addition 8:45 meet & 9:00 AM start of interviews

4:10 PM **Upcoming Events**
Student Interviews 3 more volunteers needed to be interviewers!
Thursday January 29 Pls. wear professional wardrobe- students do!
@ 8:45 AM-12:00PM Rated "most valuable" experience by graduates

4:10 PM **Mentor's Conference** 700 Middle School Students involved!
Friday April 17 Welcome professionals to share their career expertise/skills

Exhibition (end of year event) Seniors present their Senior Project results
Tuesday April 28

4:30PM **Student Events/Activity update** Aaron: Senior project work continues

4:40 PM **Academy Lead Report** Ms. Driver: Juniors/Sophomores work @ Blue Oak
Planting of native flower beds completed, see "Caution" tape areas!
Year-end trip to SF planned; wonder about how to evaluate Senior Projects?
Measure against action plan?
Sophomores involved in STEM Expo w/ Mr. Bloomgren
Juniors/Seniors involved in "Question IT" Internships- now on 3 campuses!

4:50 PM **Roundtable**
Mehmet –Reported on Sarah DeLeon & Sierra HS (Visalia)- students taking classes in natural resources

5:00 PM **NEW LOCATION for Next Meeting** Look for us in the Conference Room (next to Mr. Smithey's office) **February 17, 2015**
