

ESA Advisory Board Meeting  
August 26, 2014  
Minutes

**Members in attendance:**

Bud Darwin, Richard Goode, Kevin Elliott, Dana Newkirk, Amanda Driver, Brian Rueger, Ruben Alvarez, Aron Figueroa, Alicia Magana, Michelle Valencia, Luis Galvan, Matthew Lotakoon, and Brenda Merzoian.

**1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 4:09 by acting chair, Kevin Elliott.

**2. Welcome and Introduction:** Each person stated their name and position to the group.

**3. Academy Lead Report:** The new Academy Lead, Amanda Driver, reported on the projects planned for each grade level. 9<sup>th</sup> gr: Recycle It- research items and process of recycling. 10<sup>th</sup> gr- natural resources – native plants. Possibly the students will design and plant areas around MHS. 11<sup>th</sup> gr- energy science. Students will research types of energy, do a science fair/ STEM project. 12<sup>th</sup> gr – senior project. Students will choose their own area of environmental science, identify a problem, research, and create an action plan to help with the problem.

**4. Work Base Learning Report:** Ruben reported that 60% of our current seniors have participated in an internship of some sort. The goal is for 100% to participate. Ruben also stated that to be a pathway completer and graduate with an ESA stoll the students would have to complete the following: mock interview, resume/attend conference, internship.

**5. Subcommitte Updates:** None

**6. Other Matters:** There was discussion of possible senior trips combined with a work project, sci con was suggested. It was suggested that perhaps plants could be grown by 10<sup>th</sup> gr class for Sequoia Riverland Trust to use. Ideas for advertising the ESA pathway were also discussed. At the fairgrounds in April 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be bussed in to see samples of student work- this would be a great opportunity for advertisement. Preparing plants for Butterfield Stage days to hand out was suggested.

Amanda Driver announced that on Sept 27<sup>th</sup> guests from around the country will be at Monache to see how the pathway operates and visit classes.

**7. Future Meetings and Locations:** Next meeting will be Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 4:00 pm. We'll meet in the Monache Library.

**8. Adjournment:**

We adjourned at 5:10 pm.