**ESA Advisory Board Minutes**

**January 16, 2018**

**MHS Mrs. Driver's classroom (3rd Tuesday)**

**Members**: Brianna Johnson, Bud Darwin, Jason Biagio (Pres) Nancy Bruce (Secy), Richard Goode (VP), Charles Fenwick, Annika WildPlaces

**Ex** **Officio**: Diane Rankin, Amanda Driver, Mimi Schuler

Discussion Outcomes:

Senior Project class: 3 students did not complete adequate progress on their projects and so they have dropped out of the academy. Matthew M. & Bryan V. are performing above and beyond for their research projects at Circle J!

Native garden demonstration garden City of Porterville @ corner of D & Morton (behind Zalud House) Partners are City of Porterville, Leadership Porterville (project scoping), Porterville Unified pathways (garden planning input and installation) To involve pathway Juniors, AD suggested Sophomores

Future project: City of Porterville aants to have a Community Food Garden!

Internnect- Gilbert put out RFP. Developing Rustlers into Visitor Center and master plan of the 40 acres! Encourage ESA to be a part of the Internnect project. Can be years of student learning & internships to guide the project.

Friday meeting– Charles presents the mission. Education piece of the master plan is paramount. Engineering Academies retrofitting of the building, ESA’s role could be environmental sciences input for Rustler’s restaurant retrofit – Visitor Center, Nature Center, focus on education, environmental stewardship!

JB-wants to go after the opportunity to be involved in the process!

Visited “Future Ready Lab” @ Citrus South Tule

Students looking for Internships; student as a potential employee

Turn in eval, complete questionnaire, keep track of hours

How to communicate: Google Classroom or teacher contact

Just serve website- Fresno uses space beautifully

Google classroom- Can Mr. Shearer send out invites to join the classroom?

Grant funding money is ending this Friday. Pool of leftover funds will be spent in mini grants “for the good of the students”. In the future, How can we raise money to cover student projects ($50/student)? Pathways Foundation can accept donations earmarked for students. Can students raise their own funds? How about Native Plant business?

State of CA wanting teachers to be Career and Technical Education credential- CTE.

Frosh to CA Hot Springs; Juniors going to Newport Bay; Seniors to San Diego.

New building done February 24! ESA teaching team will occupy rooms in March.

How can Porterville College be a help to City of P & ESA projects?

Richard Goode continues to visit Mr. Shearer’s class consulting Seniors

ESA Seniors- Practice your Senior Project final presentation ahead of time!

Career Kids Campaign, Students role play a career-this year interview a GIS specialist!

SRT’s Native & Drought Tolerant Plant Nursery- plants for projects

Tuesday Carbon Project meeting

Important Dates:

**Saturday, Feb 3 Blue Oak Day**: Ben Munger- grasslands, grazing workshop

**Tuesday, Feb 6 @ 8:45 AM Junior Interviews** in MHS Library – volunteers include Jason B, SRT, Todd, Nancy B, Annika

**Saturday, Feb 24 is Lewis Hill hike** seeking the Striped Adobe Lily

**Saturday, Feb 10 Circle J Habitat Restoration** Volunteer Day 10 AM – 4 PM loop bus

**Saturday, March 17 Circle J Habitat Restoration** Volunteer Day 10 AM – 4 PM loop bus

**Friday April 20 Mentor’s Conference** @ Port Naz- a day of professionalism! Volunteers needed!

Next Meeting: Tuesday Feb. 20 @ 3:45 p.m.