**Porterville Unified School District**

**P8 Coalition Meeting**

**PUSD Governing Board Room**

**Thursday, April 6, 2017**

**Minutes**

**Members in Attendance:** Tom Velasquez (PUSD Board); John Corkins; Jim Rummel (AERO); Lillian Durbin (PUSD Board); Ryan Leasure; Mimi Schuler; Ruben Alvarez; Gabriela Villanueva; Rosa Carlson (PC); Suzanne Shearer; Patrice Hildreth (City of Porterville); Robert Keeley (AOE); Dustin Della (PAB); Martha Stuemky; Natalia Gaeta (ACE); Jose Vasquez; Patrick Paul; Ken Gibbs; Cindy Brown; Nicole Arbelo (ESA); Jason Hopper (WIB); John Corkins (P8 Chair); Adriana Cervantes- Gonzalez (FSU); Val Staley (ACE); Brad Rohrbach; Jason Pommier

**Members Absent:** (MTA); Art Serna (MCTA); Javier Villarreal (DDC), John Rowley (APA); Stephanie Cortez (Chamber); Myron Lord (PAHS); Kenny (AH); Julia Inestroza (EAT)

**Welcome and Introductions:** John Corkins opened the meeting at 10:07 a.m. with a welcome and introduction of members present.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from March 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was raised by Dustin Della and seconded by Robert Keeley. Motion carried.

**PUSD Update:** Dr. Gibbs shared information about the Citrus South Tule School Property acquired by PUSD. The original schoolhouse was built in 1874. The PUSD School Board and District are interested in using this space to develop an off-site day field trip facility for middle school students. Based on a trip to San Diego visit to Qualcomm, conversations have ensued to create a “Think-a-bit” lab inspired by Qualcomm. Given Board approval the process to begin development will take place with goal to pilot “Think-a-bit” experiences in August. Dr. Gibbs agreed the PUSD/Qualcomm partnership will be a valuable fro community and ultimately impactful experience for students. This project could also be a cross-pathway effort with internship experiences for students; teaching and assisting in and out of the classroom. Many of the PUSD pathways could also participate in the development of outdoor labs utilizing the acreage surrounding the space facility. Qualcomm team visited PUSD last week to tour the site and gather information to put together a timeline for implementation. They are willing to provide a great amount of support in-kind without cost tied to materials, professional development and space renovation. Intent is when school begins in the Fall, we will begin demo lessons and roll out a schedule of field trips in September.

**PC/PUSD Foundation Development**: Rosa reported that attorneys are discussing how to incorporate the PUSD students in the PC Foundation structure. If the PC Foundation cannot fold in the PUSD students grant piece, then it was proposed that next plan of action would be for the P8 Coalition to develop its own foundation to support Pathway Student Grant Process.

**Advisory Board Roundtable Reports:**

Dustin – PAB, Academy of Finance, finished their Senior Interviews. He stated interviews were very successful as they witnessed a great growth from junior to senior year interviews. On-campus Federal Credit Union work is progressing.

Ryan Leasure reported on behalf of Academy of Health Sciences (PAHS). Students are finishing up their clinical rounds at SVDH, which should lead to PAHS reaching 100% internship completion goal for their seniors. PAHS students are participating in the City of Porterville sponsored Disaster Preparedness Drill Project.

Ryan also shared that the Emerging Agriculture Technologies (EAT) land has been cleared next to campus. The new greenhouse is up and they have received multiple in kind donations. EAT is now preparing to plant more crops in the land area.

Ruben shared that the Law, Justice and Ethics Academy held Mock Trial with 5-6 Attorneys participating and providing feedback to students. Judge Roper presiding over all the trials. There was good media press written on the experience.

Environmental Sciences Academy (ESA) has developed a Scholarship Fund and is on track for a video update in the Fall.

Robert Keeley stated his appreciation to the P8 for bringing sub-committees together to discuss special projects, adding a new tone of purpose for members. He was impressed with the caliber of representatives and different entities at the Cross-Pathway House Building Project. Reporting on the Academy of Engineering (AOE) work, Mr. Keeley shared that the AOE MESA won first at the recent competition held at Fresno State; AOE Teams also faired well at the Southern California Edison Entrepreneurship Challenge receiving 1st, 2nd and tie for 3rd.

Val Staley and Natalia Gaeta shared the Academy of Education (ACE) Advisory Board is having good discussions regarding the ACE Academy connection in the Cross Pathway Home Building Project. Ideas include: creating a safe home pamphlet, which could be used as a reference guide.

Rosa stated that PUSD is fortunate to have dual enrollment alignment and support from PC administration, which has been difficult state-wide. Rosa stated communication between PC and district offices is crucial in making progress and building ownership.

Dr. Adriana Cervantes-Gonzalez shared information on behalf of Fresno State in regards to the “South Valley ” teacher credential preparation program, held in Porterville, which is now under her directorship. She is also working with PUSD Counselors to build a sequence of professional development sessions for them in coordination with the Pathways Department.

Lillian shared that the recent Qualcomm visit to Porterville was a highlight.

Mimi reported for APA. The Performing Arts Symphony students are preparing for the upcoming Carnegie Hall trip. A fundraising event to support their trip, will showcase the “Abbey Road Tribute Band” concert on April 21 at the HMA Amphitheatre. Orchestra students will be playing strings with the band, as well.

**Cross Pathways Home Building (CPHB) Project:**

John Corkins stated that it was a decision of the CPHB Project Subcommittee we must go through the same standards as other building projects in order to give students the real world and fair experience. This is a part of the learning process. Also the project would not be considered to be a competition to private sectors. We need private homebuilders to be partners with us. In reality, we are training students for the private sectors organizations.

Jim Rummel shared update on sub-committee decision that first next step would be to identify the location for first housing project. Focus is on a property located on G Street in Porterville. The sub-committee will be meeting in next month to move forward with discussion and planning.

**Mentors Conference**: This annual 10th grade event will be held on April 21 at Port Naz. This conference is a day of learning more about professionalism from our business partners. Pathways business professionals will facilitate all the breakout sessions. Over 800 sophomores will be participating in this conference event. Pathways Department could use more partners in PAB, AERO and MTA, AOE and DDC.

**Exhibition at Fairgrounds**: Judging panelists are needed to provide feedback for student presentations. Arrive 3:50 p.m. for instructions/assignments. Student Presentation and Judging will run from 4-5:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Next Meeting: Friday, May 12, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia G. Brown, P8 Coalition Secretary