**Porterville Unified School District**

**P8 Coalition Meeting**

**PUSD Governing Board Meeting**

**Friday, March 10, 2017**

**MINUTES**

**Members in Attendance:** Mimi, Schuler, Dustin Della (PAB), Myron Lord (PAHS), Jose Vasquez, Gabriela Madrigal, Ruben Alvarez, Staci Phipps (ACE), Val Staley (ACE) , Natalia Gaeta (ACE), Robert Keeley (AOE), Dennis Townsend (AOE/Habitat For Humanity); Brad Rohrbach, Kevin Elliott (ESA); Javier Villarreal (DDC); Jim Rummel (AERO); Robert Dempsie (LJE); Julia Inestroza (EAT); Jason Pommier, Kevin Welsh, Sam Aunai (PC); Martha Stuemky; Sonya Lopez, Ken Gibbs, Ryan Leasure,; Suzanne Shearer; Cindy Brown; John Corkins

**Members Absent:** John Rowley (APA); Rodney Atkinson (MCTA); Kenny (AH); Randy Wallace (T/K); Adam Peck (WIB)

**Welcome and Introductions:** John Corkins opened the meeting :05 a.m. with a welcome and introduction of members present.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the February 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed and amended. A motion to approve was raised by Dustin Della and seconded by Dr. Myron Lord. Motion carried.

**PUSD Update:** Ken stated that PUSD Governing Board enthusiastically approved the Cross -Pathway House Building Project. He noted that John Lollis, City Manager shared that the City of Porterville had identified 15 properties within city limits PUSD could build. PUSD is analyzing how they could involve students from each pathway in this one project. There is great interest from pathways to participate. Organizational issues and project manager will be named to keep timeline and address all issues for the building project/s. Ken will continue to present on a monthly basis with P8. He proposed that the P8 members/chairs/board determine involvement.

John Corkins said the P8 is interested in moving forward. Now that the PUSD Board has approved this project, the next step is to set up a standing committee of the P8 Board. This project will be an agenda item for P8. Robert Keeley, Jim Rummel, Dennis Townsend, Julia Inestroza, John Corkins agreed to serve on the “Cross Pathways House Building Project”. Cindy Brown and Ken Gibbs will represent PUSD on this committee.

Dennis Townsend spoke on behalf of Habitat for Humanity (HFH). He serves on the HFH Board. He sees this project as a good match with Habitat to Humanity. Students could help with the overall building process. He also sees potential for students to generate partnerships with community donations.

Rick Elkins of the Porterville Recorder would be interested in highlighting the “House Project” as a Porterville Community effort.

**P8 Pathway Foundation Development Discussion:** Rosa and John are looking into the PC Foundation serving as the vehicle to support K-12 grant work. Other option is developing a foundation through the P8. Either way, Ken Gibbs stated that PUSD would support and coordinate the accounting and check payment process.

CCPT Grant has expired. Mentored obligation has been met with TK. PUSD will continue with district-wide implementation of Linked Learning Pathways Work. Involvement with Personnel and Pathway Structure will focus primarily on local involvement and recruitment of Porterville community. PUSD will continue to host Experiential Site Visits and train other districts that are interested in Linked Learning as a District –wide implementation effort.

**Roundtable:**

Mimi Schuler spoke on behalf of MCTA and MTA. Multimedia Academy Advisory Board is under development. Focus for this pathway has been on Digital Visual Design. MCTA has a new chair; Rodney Atkinson and Vice Chair named is Art Serna.

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Shane Pagela shared that the Academy of Hospitality (AH) has set goals to become NAF Model Status. Regular meetings are being held with discussion focusing on WBL activities.

Dustin Della reported Academy of Finance (PAB) opened job applications for 12 positions for the credit union with 36 applications. The PAB Advisory Board continues to hold regular meetings.

Dr. Lord shared that the Academy of Health Sciences (PAHS) Advisory Board met this week with good attendance. 15 of 18 members were present. The PAHS Advisory Board is preparing their break out sessions for the upcoming Mentors Conference. He reported there are Pathway Interns, currently, in every Department at the Sierra View Medical Center. They are continuing to work on the nutrition part of curriculum.

Staci Phipps stated that the Academy of Education (ACE) is working on an articulation agreement with PC. Val Staley, also representing ACE, stated that there has been great participation at Advisory Board meetings. Recruitment numbers are encouraging.

Robert Keeley reported the Academy of Engineering (AOE) Advisory Board members gave feedback to four student teams, this week, as they prepare for the upcoming county-side competition, the So Cal Expo Challenge . The competition will be held during PUSD spring break in Visalia. He was impressed with the depth of conceptual entrepreneur ideas presented by all the teams. AOE Interviews went well. He gave an appreciative mention to Mimi and Ruben for their hardwork and support of Pathway students. Robert has seen a great improvement in internships across the years. Robert will also be participating in the HMA Distinguished Academy Visit next Tuesday.

Kevin Elliott, representing the Environmental Sciences Academy (ESA), continues to enjoy the partnership with teachers. He described the ESA Advisory Board conversations and participation as very alive and vibrant. The ESA NAF Model visit will be be held on Thursday, March 16.

Jim Rummel – AERO Advisory Board is continuing their conversations about the Cross Pathway Building Project on the PHS campus site. Suggested the home should be all electric and solar powered with highest level of insulation. Wants a good group of advisors.. John Corkins agreed that a timeline and benchmarks need to be set in place. Jim shared that participation with students is pivotal and should continue to be the focus.

Robert Dempsie reported on behalf of the Law, Justice and Ethics Academy. The LJE Model site visit will be held next week. The all-day Mock Trial event will be held on Thursday with a group of attorneys and judge to give feedback to all the participating students. He shared the impressive work of students at last week’s public safety officer dinner. There was many networking opportunities for the students.

Julia Inestroza stated that there was a great turnout at this month’s EAT Advisory Board meeting. The Advisory Board made the decision to hold meetings every other month. EAT Farm is moving forward with Pathway staff involvement. Goal has been set for the irrigation to be in place. EAT will host their NAF model visit on Tuesday, next week. Enrollment numbers have increased for incoming 9th grade group. Higher rate of parent engagement is apparent in comparison to past years. Julia shared that at a Sacramento session, she participated in, the Secretary of Agriculture, Karen Ross, highlighted Linked Learning. Julia invited P8 members to the upcoming SHS Ag Fundraiser for pathway student scholarships and infrastructure support in combination with FFA and SHS Boosters. The evening event will be held on April 7 at Nuckols Ranch.

Javier Villarreal, representing the DDC Academy, shared that enrollment numbers are up from last year. FSU is offering a journalism session for DDC students.

Kevin Welsh, Leadership Coach, shared recent work with Principals in the instructional round process.

PC Update: Sam Aunai reported he has been meeting with the high schools as they are planning for fall courses. Dual enrollment opportunities are growing. Success rate for these courses is 90 %. PC Staff have been visiting sites focusing on all grade levels, not just seniors, as in years past. PC Connect process is for HS Seniors’ priority registration.

**P8 Marketing Team:** Robert Keeley stated that all veteran and new pathway business partners need to have common knowledge about PUSD Pathways. He shared the idea of developing a presentation team generated from P8 and advisory board members with an intent to get a consistent message out to the community. P8 and Advisory Board members could carry a strong message and build more partnerships to support pathways. He provided a hand out with bulleted ideas related to this work. He added that training for all advisory board members would help to ensure we are on the same page (ie Linked Learning 101). Overall, it was agreed we must tap more businesses and organizations in the community, as a team.

It was recommended that a subcommittee be developed to begin this work. Val stated that in other districts an entity, like the P8 Coalition, does not exist. Comment was made that by carrying the message from the partner standpoint will allow P8/pathways to be institutionalized and sustained. Dustin stated that students are great marketers who can also recruit more members and share the pathway experience story.

Martha shared the elementary students, as early as kindergarten, are engaged in making presentations and refining their communication skills.

Val, Robert, Cindy to work in a subcommittee team to continue Pathway messaging concept, as presented. Phase one to include P8 members; Phase Two for Advisory Board members; and Phase Three to include students.

Next meeting to held on April 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the PUSD Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia G. Brown, P8 Coalition Secretary.