

Partnership Academy of Health Sciences
Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at: 8:00am

Present: Riley Sexton, Jose Valdez, Kevin Elling, Kim Behrens, Della Myers, Dr. Myron Lord, Rafael Rivas, Salma Aziz, Dr. Timothy Suorsa, Tracy Skaggs, Vickie Foster, Dr. Amirali Mirenayat, Cheri Taylor, Karen Fleming, Kathy Chavez, Pam Avila, Ryan Leasure, Vanessa Salas, Jocelyn Contreras

Absent: Christina Garcia/Anita Suarez, Gary Santos, Jennifer Stewart, Dr. Kellie Sulier

Minutes of March 09, 2017 meeting – Approved with the following corrections:

Under the Academy Lead Report - replace this statement “Presently there are 4 CPAs within PUSD and Porterville High has 3 of those 4” with “The Health Science academy is one of two NAF Distinguished academies within PUSD.” Under the Mentor’s Conference update replace “marble” with “marvel”.

Academy Lead Report: Dr. Elling

The senior Integrated Project will consist of a one minute video presentation that describes the project and will be featured as a reflective TED-Talk presentation. Historically our academy has had a range of 120 – 140 freshmen start in the academy and through a process of self elimination by the sophomore year the truly committed remain. Therefore, due the potential risk of losing portion of the CPA funding, our academy has decided to raise the bar to ensure our curriculum; integrated projects and other reviewable items are in order when CPA visits our academy. Pathways Exhibitions will be held on April 25th – 26th starting at 9am, approximately 1800 6th graders will tour the various academy exhibits. NAF’s visit in March was positive; there aren’t any reasons why NAF would not continue our Distinguished Status. Annual academy graduation will be held on Sunday, April 30th from 4-6pm. Jairo Ceballos will be the keynote speaker.

Student Activity Report: Ms. Riley Sexton

A select group of students enjoyed participating in the annual Old-timer’s Luncheon held at SVMC on March 29th. On April 8th seven of the Red Cross Club members went door to door and installed 636 smoke detectors in Porterville resident’s homes; Riley installed 32. On April 26, Riley will be recognized for her work and dedication with the Red Cross Club at their annual recognition dinner in Fresno. Over 400 students in the Junior Medical Reserve Corp (JMRC) will participate in an Anthrax simulation on April 18th from 9am - 11am. Elections for the PAHS Student Council positions will be held in April. Student self nominations are due to Ms. Avila by April 18th.

Treasurers Report: Dr. Suorsa

Dr. Suorsa distributed an updated treasurer’s report that reflects a total balance of \$85,006 dollars of which \$49,000 has been committed to past scholarship recipients. Dr. Lord announced the following amounts have been pledged for the 2017 scholarship fundraising; SVMC Board \$20,000, Hospital Foundation \$5000.00 and the Hospital Volunteer League formerly known as the Pink Ladies \$3000.00 and other contributions for a combined total of \$29,325.

Scholarship Committee Update: Dr. Lord

This year’s graduating class is the strongest senior class in Porterville High’s history as proven by the high GPAs of the eleven students who applied for this year’s scholarship. Eight of the eleven applicants have

been selected to be interviewed on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18th and 19th. Dr. Lord reminded the advisory board members to consider their contribution to the scholarship which is due by May 1st.

Mentor's Conference Update: Dr. Lord

The annual Mentor's Conference is scheduled for Friday, April 21st from 8:45am to 12:45. Business partners are encouraged to attend if their schedule allows. Please contact Ryan Leasure if you can serve on the Professional's panel and describe the path that lead to your current position, what motivates and excites you about your career. The Professional's panel is scheduled to start by 11:10am. Kopi Sotiropulos has been confirmed to provide the lunch time keynote address.

General Announcements:

1. Jocelyn Contreras and not Katheryn Maldonado will replace Riley Sexton as Student Representative on the PAS Advisory Board
2. Dr. Ramon Resa has resigned from the board due to personal scheduling conflicts

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40am. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th at 7:45am in the Career Center.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rafael Rivas