Partnership Academy of Health Sciences

Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2017

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

**Present:** Rafael Rivas, Jose Valdez, Jocelyn Contreras, Dr. Kevin Elling, Ojeda Abel, Ruben Alvarez, Mimi Schuler, Pam Avila, Kathy Chavez, Dr. Amirali Mirenayat, Kevin McCurdy, Dr. Timothy Suorsa, Cheri Taylor, Salma Aziz, Vickie Foster, Della Myers

**Absent:** Christina Garcia, Anita Suarez, Gary Santos, Kim Behrens, Tracy Skaggs, Whitney Moorhead, Vanessa Salas, Rebecca Reyes, Christine Agda

**Minutes of September 14, 2017 meeting**: Approved as presented.

**Board Updates:** Dr. Kelly Sulier, Psy.D., resignation

**Review PAHS Advisory Board Bylaws:** Acknowledged Dr. Lord’s extraordinary contribution to the success of the PAHS program. Reviewed bylaws and opened discussion:

* Volunteers for the Board Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
  + Board Chair – Rafael Rivas
  + Vice Chair – Kevin McCurdy
  + Secretary – Della Myers
  + Treasurer – Dr. Timothy Suorsa

*All officers nominated, accepted and approved*

* Recommended amendments to bylaws:
  + Add *succession plan* (KE)
  + Article V, Section 1.b – change from 75% to *80% will be from the health care industry* (KC)
  + Article VII, Section(s) 1, 2, 3, 4 – change terms from two years to *three years* (CT)

*Amendments, accepted and approved. The succession plan amendment will be reviewed at November 9, 2017 meeting.*

**Academy Lead Report:** Dr. Kevin Elling

California Partners Academy’s (CPA) visit – Jerry Winthrop and Colby Franklin, both from Department of Education asked to meet here to see our campus/academy to disseminate information. It sounds like they’ve already made their decision of who will be distinguished for this year. At best, we could be a candidate for (becoming distinguished) next year. We took advantage of their visit showing them our campus and out new building for the academy. They were impressed. Although we are not a lighthouse academy, we considering the possibility of speaking at the CPA conference with a Senior Defense and Scheduling presentation to bring notice to our program. The CPA visit was positive and informational. They did not indicate that our funding was in jeopardy this year. There are some bond related grants that are diminishing.

Galaxy 9 showcase – recruitment for 8th graders. Approximately 900 students will be bused to the Galaxy auditorium each day to recruit 8th graders for the academies. Sessions will be on October 25th and 26th from 9:00-11:00 am. On October 25th from 5:30-7:00 pm, parents are invited for an informative session. This session will be presented in both English and Spanish. Application for the academies begins October 26, 2017 – January 12, 2018. Applications are not first come, first served and on a lottery system. We do not screen accepting everyone and rely on attrition for manageable enrollment. If more students are than anticipated, we rearrange staffing to accommodate.

Advisory Board involvement in Integrated Projects – There was discussion with Dr. Suorsa, Rafael and Dr. Lord at the last meeting of the (school) year and the first meeting of this (school) year about the advisory board becoming involved with the academy student’s projects. Dialogue included the potential to participate as guest speakers, judges, evaluators or in an advisory role for student projects. Any other ideas as to how the advisory board may be involved with students are welcome. Students have been challenged to enhance their level of professionalism with a TED (Technology, Entertainment & Design) talk presentation for the Senior Defense project in April or May. Any advisory board members that are able to attendance these presentations would be appreciated.

National Academy Foundation (NAF) – The main source of funding is CPA and they have their report that is all new this year. One of the criteria they have is that the advisory board has a succession plan so once we get this written into our bylaws, we can submit. This year NAF will be visiting us.

**Student Activity Report:** Jocelyn Contreres/Pam Avila

Red Cross Club Activity - The team has completed CPR certification for 35 junior students, currently certifying 30 more with an anticipated additional 30 junior students by the end of October. By January 2018, the whole junior class will have completed CPR training. These students will have the opportunity to attend events and train sidewalk CPR to others which in turn will provide community service hours.

Relay for Life on October 7 was a success with over 100 participants.

Internship / EMT Activities, JMRC & HOSA – October 11 was senior Porterville College day; October 18 at 1:00 the EMT class will host the Tour de Corpus; HOSA - food drive to provide 3 baskets for selected families. The class collecting the most food will win a pizza party. Academy students to participate in active shooter drill with local EMS, CHP and Fire on a Saturday that has yet to be decided. Two students were recognized for Character Counts.

The Health Science academy student advisory board is complied with students from all grades. Freshman and sophomore students provide representative roles while the junior and senior students provide leadership roles for the board. The advisory board was developed to empower students and gives them a platform to bring awareness to challenges teens face. The student advisory board met with the freshman class and found them to be very anxious to be involved. The student board was very impressed with the caliber of the freshman class.

**General Announcements:**

* November 3, 2017 - Drive through in school parking lot Tri-tip Dinner 3:30-6.00 $10.00
* Challenge PAHS advisory board member to inspire and appreciate the students each time we have interactions with them.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday November 9, 2017in the PHS Career Center.

Respectfully submitted by,

Della Myers