

**Harmony Magnet Academy  
Academy of Performing Arts  
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 10, 2014**

Meeting was called to order at Harmony Magnet Academy library at 6:03.

Those in attendance were Ruben Alvarez, Jeff Brown, Joel Buringrud, John Burkey, Millie Edsberg, Judyann Hellrung, Bill Jameson, Muriel Josten, Daniella Lovato, Michael Martinez, Bob Merzoian, Cheryl Murdock, Paula Roche, Mimi Schuler, and Rafaella Woods.

MINUTES – July 22, 2014

Correction: Page 2 in Three Items from Mentors Conference #1 – should read, “They start in elementary because of the **instruction** and the common core calling especially for the middle school.” Motion to accept with the correction by Judyann Hellrung, seconded by John Burkey.

PATHWAY OFFICE REPORT – Mimi Schuler

The Pathways Office put together an Advisory Board Guide. In this guide, you will find a number of documents that are extremely important to our pathways in our link learning education system approach to education.

- The first page is the expected graduate outcomes and are also referred to as the graduate profile. These are eight areas of focus of knowledge and skills that we expect every PUSD student to graduate with when they leave our district. It starts at kindergarten. As these were adopted, there is a poster and is available to every teacher in the district to hang in their classrooms and go by it because this our promise and our mission in the district that these students will have opportunities to build these skills. This is what employers say the best and most valued employees have these skills coming into the labor force.
- The second page is the Advisory Board Roles and Responsibilities for Advisory Board Members, Chair, Principal, and Academy Lead/Teachers.
- Page 3 is the College and Career Continuum Connection for Work Based Learning Experience. What this means to us as an Advisory Board is the connection of the business professional with the curriculum in the classroom or outside the classroom. It is the business partners’ participation with the curriculum and making those lessons real for students. The continuum starts at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year (the first column) and moves across to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. It shows the activities that are expected of these students to participate in over the four-year course. The ones marked in red are “nonnegotiable” – these are the ones that the Pathway Office provides the students. However, we recognize that we cannot do any of these things alone and need the help of our professionals and our teaching staff. Everything under that is considered work based learning and is equally as important to students’ learning. It includes field trips, presentations, résumé writing, and training.

The Mentors Conference last year was phenomenal, particularly for the Performing Arts just because of the type of professionalism that is given to these students by this Board. The next Mentors Conference is April 17.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Ruben Alvarez (Work Based Learning Coordinator for the Pathways Office). He invited Michael Martinez to see if he is interested to serve on the Board.

- Michael Martinez. He is a professional musician of twenty years. He graduated from Monache. He has eight professional albums with Capitol Records. He has toured the U.S. and Europe. He has accomplished a lot and experienced a lot and wants to give back to the students and community.
- Muriel Josten is resigning as she joined another Pathway Board that does not meet on Wednesdays. Karen Ball will take Muriel's place as the Porterville College representative.
- Rafaella Woods also resigned at this meeting.

#### BACK TO SCHOOL – Jeff Brown

Back to School was our largest turnout. The Foundation donated the food and fed everybody with hamburgers, water, chips, and smiles. A short program started the program. It was very successful.

#### VISITS– Jeff Brown

- Tomorrow (Thursday, September 11) the president of Fresno State will be here in Porterville. There will be an open reception for the community. If you would like to drop in at the District Office in the boardroom from 11:00-1:30, Dr. Castro will be there. Primarily he will be at Harmony and Granite Hills tomorrow because we are hosting the first ever Link Learning Credential Cohort Program and their teaching credential program at Fresno State. They have about nine to ten students here. We will tour the rooms of the students that are actually doing the student teaching so the president of the college will get a chance to see the program up close and personal. The students have really taken to the campus. It has been a real good experience and has been what we have hoped for this program. He wants to expand programs and wants to do more particularly here in the South Valley.
- Alliance for Excellence in Education will be visiting here at Harmony on September 25. They will be here at the lunchtime period until 4:30. They are basically planning to visit and establishing what the agenda will be. The purpose of this group is combined between current representatives and retired representatives and working as an organization to further educational success. The program that we are running here is a successful model that they want to be able to learn more about and hopefully emulate in different parts of the country. Part of that group that will be here is part of our consortium, which a \$15 million pathway grant was awarded to our head LEA, which is Tulare County. About \$6-7 million of that has been given to Porterville to be the mentor district to the entire Tulare and Kings consortium and furthering Link Learning which was established here at Harmony. National Academy Foundation and ConnectEd are involved. Both of the presidents from those organizations will be here. Just this year in their first year of planning, there are seven to eight new academies being started just in Tulare County.
- Harmony Foundation will be meeting here tomorrow at 6:00. It will be a working meeting. The purpose of a foundation is more for fundraising. This for parents to have an opportunity to support their students' education. The major fundraiser is the dinner at Young's Ranch. Tickets can be purchased from the administrators.

#### ROUND TABLE

- Bill Jameson – Open to people interested in becoming a board member.
- Bob Merzoian – What is the status of the possibility of a separate performance theater. Jeff Brown responded there is no progress. New bond measure is basically

targeted at replacing all the portables and establishing two new charter schools, which is dual immersion and military academy.

Joel Buringrud – Reiterate my desire to have closer connections between board members and the students. Create an easy way to contact – a database.

#### HANDOUTS

- Agenda
- PUSD Pathways Linked Learning 2014 Advisory Board Guide

#### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 8, 6:00 at the Harmony library

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Murdock  
Secretary