



MONTHLY PARTNERSHIP

APRIL 20, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Present: Paul Kulpinski, Steve Peru, Judith LeFevre, Jennifer Hernandez, Erin Kruse, Risha VanderWey, Theresa Bierer, Peter Van Wyck, Virginia Watahomigie, Frank Moraga, Jane Gaun, Mary K Walton, Robert Hagstrom, Dave Dirksen, Mindy Bell, Rich Bowen, Heidi Mortenson, Sylvia Johnson, Ramona Mellott, Alicia Yaeger-Booth, Coral Evans, Sara Abercrombie, Angelina Castagno, Lina Wallen, Grace OKoli, Dani Hall, Jazmin Villavicencio, Renee Henry

After a Welcome and Introductions, Partners shared their Action Commitment and Education Story:

Risha VanderWey – Had a wonderful Coconino County Teacher of the Year event yesterday with great nominees, and **Jillian Worssam as the 2017 Coconino County Teacher of the Year**. Thank you all for being there and for all the teachers in the community.

Jane Gaun and Erin Kruse – The Senior Corps Volunteers met with children needing math help and loved learning with the students. Very successful.

Mindy Bell – STEM City has a new Executive Director, Brigid Dineen. She has the skills to really help us move forward.

Judith LeFevre – Thank you for facilitating the panel discussion at the Annual CCC&Y Child Abuse Prevention Conference.

Frank Moraga – Announcing the May 6th – Cinco de Mayo event at CCC&Y

Erin Kruse – The Civic Service Institute at NAU is hosting “GEMS” Volunteer Recognition Event on April 28th from 11:30 to 1 pm at HCCC. Please nominate your volunteers by TODAY, and also please attend! Go to Event Brite and search Flagstaff GEMS and you will find the invitation.

Jennifer Hernandez – Expect More Arizona – has “Thank a Teacher” Postcards that you can fill out and give to Jennifer or mail yourself.

Heidi Mortenson – Parent and Community Member – goal is to create more dialogue and education information about education legislation

Theresa Bierer – will be working with Paul and Frank on Communications.

Reports: Community Action Network Updates

- A. Post-secondary Group will be meeting right after this meeting today – met with Counselors to discuss the obstacles and challenges to meeting the FAFSA needs. Counseling group has now come together and is engaging together on their own around other topics they are facing in the schools – e.g. cell phone use and social media use on their campuses. Further discussion on FAFSA ensued. The Post Secondary CAN will identify some best practices and continue to work toward those.
- B. Kindergarten Readiness – Rene is absent; Peter van Wyck - shared that they have been looking at assessment tools and have some good potential instruments.
- C. Data Team Update – Robert Hagstrom – collecting some data, and working towards creating a data governance policy, developing a time frame and hope to do those presentations in the next month.

Paul - Data conversation now becomes seminal – the data points are going to be the starting points for LAUNCH's work.

4. World-Class Education presentation – “Every student prepared for every opportunity.”

This is our one-liner that we can expand into the level of detail that is shared in the packet Paul prepared with Judy.

Passionate discussion ensued with the focus being on where Flagstaff is in the columned matrix: the “now” may represent “the past” and may not reflect what is really happening in Flagstaff that puts us closer to “world class education” than the matrix presents. There was discussion about adding a third column and re-labeling them “the past”, “the now”, “world class education”. **Paul will put this matrix onto a Google Doc for interested Partners to word-smith as they wish.**

There was a statement of a desire to move beyond this and start focusing on getting some things done. **There was consensus that we have a definition of world class education** without the matrix and are comfortable moving forward with this with the understanding that this is a work in progress and the conversation is always being refined in the process of continuous improvement.

5. Flagstaff Town Hall - October 1, 2017 – at Coconino Community College

Planning Committee – **Renee and Erin Kruse volunteered to join with Alicia and Paul.**

Have sponsorship commitments from the NARBHA Institute, CCC, NAU, and City of Flagstaff

Build-up promotion for the Town Hall will revolve around a September Film Series highlighting educational issues as a prompt for starting conversations around the issues that will inform the Town Hall conversation. There was a suggestion that in the process of pointing out what is wrong, we also need to emphasize what is working and going well in Flagstaff. **Rich Bowen and Sylvia Johnson agreed to produce a report of the state of education in Flagstaff** that would be included in the materials published and distributed by the AZ Town Hall organization in preparation for the Town Hall Event on October 1st.

The next Town Hall Planning Committee meeting will be April 25, 2017.

6. Legislative Impacts – Paul presented an overview of some of the impact of some recent state legislative action including the Empowerment Scholarship Account expansion through SB1431, SB1281 and HB2465. There was discussion around what role LAUNCH Flagstaff should play in advocating on these types of issues. It was mentioned that we are in a “grey area” since LAUNCH is not a formal 501c3 or 501c4, but we do have opportunities to work with Partners who are and who have political advocacy efforts in alignment with our common goals such as NALA, CCC&Y, Expect More Arizona. Paul said that this is an issue that the Leadership Steering Committee will need to address.

Action Commitments: Collective Impact is not something that we do in addition to what we do during our day.

What we do during our day is part of our contribution to the outcomes we are focused on through Collective Impact. In that spirit, the following Partners have made these Action Commitments for themselves as they do their daily work within our framework of Collective Impact:

Judy LeFevre's action commitment is to follow-up on the World Class Education matrix and revise for sharing on Google Docs.

Theresa Bierer's action commitment is to work on the communications team to raise public awareness of the efforts of the LAUNCH Flagstaff partnership.

Jane Gaun's action commitment is to meet with Shannon Sweeny on creating shared community opportunities for the FUSD mathematics department and NAU Elementary Education students.

Sara Abercrombie's action commitment is to work on the literature review project through the Data Team and reach out to leadership at Haven Montessori to get involved in LAUNCH Flagstaff.

Renee Henry's action commitment is to assist in the planning of the Flagstaff Town Hall event.

Alicia Yaeger-Booth's action commitment is to continue her participation with the Kindergarten Readiness CAN and work on the film series for the Flagstaff Town Hall event.

Jennifer Hernandez's action commitment is to celebrate our educators!

Paul Kulpinski's action commitment is to ensure support for the efforts of the LAUNCH Flagstaff Partnership.

Upcoming Partnership Meetings:

8:00 – 10:00am NACET Accelerator Conference Room

May 18, 2017 (NACET Incubator Conference Room)

June 15, 2017

July 20, 2017