

LAUNCH PARTNERSHIP MEETING

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2016

Steve and Paul called the meeting to order at 8:00 am with a welcome and introductions.

Members shared education stories:

- There was some consideration of the role LAUNCH may be able to play in support of the Community College after the failure of their override campaign. Paul will be attending a meeting on November 29th to review the election results, hosted by the College.
- The Northern Arizona Early Childhood Symposium on November 5th was a success. The organizers intend to make this an annual event.
- The successful local initiative to increase the minimum wage in Flagstaff will likely impact early childhood centers and may create a new barrier to accessibility to quality resources for parents of pre-school aged children. LAUNCH will need to keep this issue on its radar for possible fall-out.
- The next advocacy training hosted by Expect More AZ will be November 30th at 4:30 pm.
- FUSD hosted a training on November 14th/15th about Adaptive Schools for a variety of cross-sector attendees. This was the first of a two part program, the second of which will be held in January. LAUNCH Partners are welcome to attend future trainings.
- The Coconino Coalition for Children and Youth is launching an initiative on December 13th to address issues related to students in foster care. Collaboration from FUSD was requested.

Paul reported that Dan Kain will step out of his role on the LAUNCH Leadership Team due to the new responsibilities as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at NAU. Ramona Mellott, Dean of the College of Education will serve in his place.

A discussion followed about unrepresented sectors in the Partnership and Leadership Team – those included: Banking; major employers (Gore, Purina, NAH/FMC, Joy Cone, SCA); charter school leadership; Flagstaff Mayor; County Health; County Attorney; NALA; Arts/Culture; NACET; ECoNA; Mental Health; YMCA; Housing; Flagstaff Education Association/Teachers; Parents; Students; Juvenile Justice; ROTC

Paul presented a proposed organizational structure (see attached) that illustrated the relationships and workflow between components of LAUNCH. Of note, there are only two Collaborative Action Networks (CANs) represented: Kindergarten Readiness and College & Career Readiness. The former CANs focused on Data and Communication/Advocacy will become work teams within the Operations Team. Dave Dirksen made a motion to adopt this organizational structure, which was seconded by Peter Van Wyke. The membership voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Paul then presented a Leadership Team recommendation to adopt the length of minimum commitment for Leadership Team members and CAN Facilitators:

- Leadership Team Membership Term: 3-years with no term limitations
- CAN Facilitator Term: 1-year with no term limitations

Discussion followed that CAN Facilitators should be expected to hold a longer minimum term and a 2-year minimum term was proposed. Peter Van Wyke motioned that Leadership Team Members should commit to a 3-year minimum term with no term limit and CAN Facilitators should commit to a 2-year minimum term with no term limit. Erin Kruse seconded the motion. The membership voted unanimously to approve the motion.

CAN Breakout Sessions:

- The Kindergarten Readiness CAN met and confirmed that Rene Hobbs will continue to serve as Facilitator. The next CAN meeting will be on December 12th from 3:30-5pm at Ponderosa High School.
- The College and Career Readiness CAN met and agreed that Brent Nielson will continue to serve as Facilitator. The next CAN meeting will be on December 8th at CCC Room 301.
- The Communications and Advocacy Team met to review the latest round of logo designs from the NAU Design Lab and gave Paul direction on providing feedback to the design team.

The next LAUNCH Partnership Meeting will be December 15th from 8-10:00am at the FUSD District Office in the Governing Board Meeting Room.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.