



Foster Youth Success Committee

FY Spring Meeting

April 05, 2016

1:30pm-3:00pm

MINUTES

Present: Koji Uesugi, Diann Thursby, Steven Gonzalez, Gustavo Ocegüera, Daniela McCarson, Randee Kirkemo, Monica Huizar, Tricia Hodawanus, Mary Grothem, Andrea Acosta, Tabitha Montoya, Tabitha Johnson (recorder)

- **Meeting called to order:** 1:15

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 1, 2016 –**
 - Motion to approve by: Randee Kirkemo
 - Seconded by: Daniela McCarson
 - Abstentions – 0
 - Motion carried

- **Chair's Report** – Dr. Koji Uesugi
 - **Update on California Wellness grant application-**
 - Moving forward –site visit –Program officer came from the Calif Wellness Grant
 - All 3 colleges are involved plus the foundation are involved for 180,000 for 3 years
 - Individual colleges 20,000
 - Questions that came up- not all students that get a certificate get degrees
 - Maybe reduce the stipends that go to the students
 - Hire a part-time position to take this on task on (with an expertise on this job)
 - Provide more options for foster youth
 - Grant – can be awarded as soon as May but as late as July
 - Ask Stuart foundation to extend our existing grant beyond June

▪ **Review and approve FYSS and Phoenix Scholars Logos-**

- **Symbol of the phoenix-** represents rising from the ashes & symbolizes strength & longevity. The design represents scholars both female & male with flames wings behind the student (there's a choice of light blue, dark blue, grey, white & burgundy, beige, brown)
- Dr. Uesugi will get a copy of the file to give to Daniella to add to the flags that Daniella is in the process of ordering for our "FY May Awareness Month Walk"

▪ **Discussion Items**

▪ **Foster Youth Support Services Upcoming Activities**

▪ **Foster Youth Training-** Tuesday, April 26th 1:00-3:00

- Location: TENTATIVE: Lee Pollard High School- Lion's Dens
 - We originally ordered 30 lunches we will up the amount
 - Lunch will be provided at 12:30-Panera box lunches
 - Topic: Empowering at Risk Students
 - Part-time faculty may show up change order of lunches to - 50
 - Mary Grothem will look into Norco High or Roosevelt as a secondary to see if the space is available
 - Dr. Uesugi will be waiting on the confirmation of space
 - Bring flyers for the walk
- 20 CNUSD counselor's + 20-30 Norco College staff
- Lunch arrangements sign-in-sheet, equipment, coordination with Misty
 - Sign in sheet needs flex sheet so that faculty can get flex credit

- **May Awareness Month Walk- Tuesday, May 3rd 12:50-1:50pm-**
 - **Baseball Caps are being ordered**
 - There will be an Art auction at this same time in room CSS
 - No shirts this year
 - Baseball cap (light Grey)with heart logo will be given out (heart on back & Pending- Norco College on front or side)
 - Sizes- Large & XL
 - **125 Flags ordered**
 - American printing – are making 125 flags
 - Daniella will get the file from Dr. Uesugi to give to American Printing and place NEW logo on the flag
 - Ideas- not more the 30 yards- Ask Mark Hartley to ask students to do an outline with California with yarn & place flags around them in the morning of the event (with metallic windmills)
 - **Preparation for program- walk path, opening program, refreshments**
 - Is the walk the same as last year? Monica-it's not shorter but we are allowing more time at each stations (that's why we are not having a speaker) 45 student spotlights displayed throughout the walk
 - Have a committee member stop at each one & talk if it's a quote etc.
 - Start at 12:50 back by 1:35 (and get a tree to place pledge cards that are already filled out on it)
 - Music will be there/Monica & Diann following up with Dan
 - Check in tables across from each other by the IT building –is where they will be getting there pledge cards & the filled out pledge ticket will be there meal ticket (where they will be turning them back in at another table)
 - Welcome- the message to let them know “They became aware” and “Why they became aware?” Welcoming? Suggestion: ASNC president, Dr. Uesugi, or ???

- Monica- Chancellors office will not send pins but instead get ribbons from them (if not Nelly will provide them)
- Chic-fil-a- Is confirmed and donating beverages (lemonade, iced tea & coffee) & we are buying sandwiches, veggie sandwiches & they will donate some as well
- Have many foster youth students to be there and participate and Steven will gather a couple students to speak
- Steven will get Monica a couple of stories of our FY a minimum of a sentence or two
- Lunch & mingling will be from 1:35-2:00

- **CNUSD High School Seniors Pilot Program 2015-16**
 - Update on high school seniors' matriculation process to Summer Advantage
 - Daniella's received the list and met had the ambassadors to sign up the list of students to finish the process 15-20
 - Dr. Uesugi –should we do anything else to keep these student on track/ Mary Grothem said to send her a list of these students and she will follow up with the students herself

- **Foster Youth Summer Academy**

Dr. Uesugi stated we still need to work is a bridge academy by August (Discuss at May FYSC meeting)

- **Announcements Updates**
 - **Student Equity (Gustavo)**
 - Gustavo- will have someone working in the outreach program- Hiring a mentoring program to train 1-20 men to mentor and get them trained between now and the end of June till the end of summer like a bridge program. To guide them into the program & ready for fall/ and then we could track the students and follow up with them on a regular basis
 - Will also offer social activities, reading programs, and foster youth will be getting involved with this program as good mentors and will get paid for this service- they need to submit an application to have been here at least a year
 - A quality of study on men of color and to what they struggle with so we know how to maintain these students

- Maybe Elvira will come to the next meeting and give us the input on what they have said in the statistics
 - Monica- Post the walk on social media
 - Maybe invite JFK
 - Dr.Uesugi- said to ask JFK to hold training there
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- **THRIVE (Andrea)**
 - Thrive is doing at least 3 workshops- and now 3 more coming up-for foster care providers

Suggestion for future presenter:

Millions kids –Opal Singleton, President and CEO 951-323-0298/ www.millionkids.org
human trafficking

- **Next Meeting**
 - **Tuesday, May 10, 2016 1:00pm-2:30pm (final meeting of year)**
 - **June meeting will be cancelled**

- **Adjournment- 3:10 p.m.**