

**YESS Program
LAC/Community Council
February 6, 11:30 am**

Attendees:

Dave Koldewyn
Suki Cannon
Jason Rosvall
Trina Dickinson
Nic Shellabarger
Ann Jones
Lee Marchant
Pete Saldivar

Clay Pearce
Steve Kaelin
Darcie Peterson
Lori Nadean
Jacqueline Bode
Dave Vandevae Gaete

Trust Lands Update:

YESS had anticipated a trust lands grant of around \$13,000. The actual amount will be \$5,892. We would still like to apply this amount to reading tutors. The balance of the funding for tutors will come from other sources. Objections? None

Planning for Next Year:

Currently we have a good idea of our budgets for next year. We will receive more information on details next week. Jason will meet with each of you to inform you of how our budgeting will impact your program. Nic will release a draft of grant applications to give us a better idea of where our funding stands in the near future. YESS has several people retiring next year. This will necessitate some site changes. Basically, our staff will remain the same.

YESS Website:

STEMCAP has been a tremendous success at our sites. DSI and UNI have completed the program and it is scheduled to go to our students at Decker Lake. Each site was able to choose their own theme. UNI chose Extinction as their theme. They completed an art project, a writing project as well as a video/podcast. Students were very engaged.

Two of the teachers at DSI recently moved their classrooms into the main building. They were supported by our District as well as the facility staff. Thanks to Trina for your help with this move.

GSD Adult Education – Dave Vandevae Gaete

Granite's Adult Education program is the largest in the state. They have a 90% graduation rate which is one of the highest in the nation.

There are three areas that make up the Adult Education Program

- **GED** – This program is located at Connection High, Granger High and Hunter High. They also have a site at a mental health facility. This program focuses on helping students and adults get their GED. This GED program is a face to face program; therefore, most universities and the military will accept GEDs earned from GSD.
- **Non-English Speakers** – Currently there are over 1,100 students enrolled. This program teaches English to refugees and other ELL participants. They use UTOPIA testing to place student on a level. They have levels 1 – 6. They also use this testing to accrue funding.
- **Workplace Programs** – The purpose of this program is to transition students to schooling, jobs or trade schools. They have personnel that help each student find a direction after they have completed their GED. They currently offer coding classes as well as many others. The advanced coding class would cost approximately \$10,000 if taken at a university. They offer scholarships to women in many fields. There are 4 sessions every year and new courses are being added frequently.

In order to participate in Adult Education, a current high school student must be exempted from regular school. This can be reversed under certain circumstances. They also offer help to students that are close to graduation without exempting them. They offer ABE, GED, credit recovery at a less expensive rate than high schools can offer.

They also have a class at the LDS Humanitarian Center. People work for 4 hours, have classes for 4 hours and get paid for working 8 hours. They are looking at more ways to get AE services out to students that could benefit. You can find more information about this program on their website or you can reach out to Dave directly.

Farewell to Steve Kaelin:

Steve will be retiring next month. He will be sorely missed. A slide presentation noting some of the connections he has made over the years was presented. Steve has had a huge impact on YIC in GSD and across the state. Good Luck Steve. You will be missed!

Please email Jason if there is a certain issue that you would like to see addressed in this meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: April 16, 2020