



Minutes Committee for Youth, Families and Community March 16, 2009

Minutes of the Committee for Youth, Families and Community held on March 16, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Tempe Public Library Tempe Connections Program Room, 3500 S. Rural Road 2nd Floor, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present:

Barb Fries, Tempe Elementary School District
Joe Spracale, Tempe Impact Education Foundation
Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools
Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School District
Celeste Plumlee, Peer Solutions
Sandra McNally, EMPACT—SPC

MEMBERS Absent:

Samantha Heinrich, Kyrene School District
Vic Cordts, Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley
Mark Werschting, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department
Trish Miller, Community Bridges
Rebecca Bond, Tempe Connections

City Staff Present:

Kim Bauman, Community Services – Social Services
Tim Cox, Community Services - Social Services
Kathy Berzins, Community Services-Social Services

Guests Present:

Mary Ann Dillon, ASSET Eight

Meeting convened at 9:34 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Kathy Berzins called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 2: Minutes from February 23, 2009 Meeting

The minutes from February 23, 2009 were reviewed.

MOTION: Joe Spracale motioned to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Randy Lazar seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3 – ASSET Eight Ready to Learn Program

Mary Ann Dillon, ASSET Eight provided the following information on their Ready To Learn Program:

- 1) The Ready to Learn Program is an educational initiative for Channel Eight that provides public program broadcasts and other resources ranging from early childhood education to adult education. For a complete schedule go to www.azpbs.org.
- 2) The Early Reader Block early childhood education is funded through the Department of Education and is delivered free of charge. Television programs include Barney, World Girl and Super Why. ASSET Eight also has an early childhood website that provides numerous free early childhood education resources and materials at www.asset.asu.edu.
- 3) The ASSET Educator Program provides resources and on-line courses to members. A one day summer institute is also provided. Memberships are \$60 per year.
- 4) ASSET Eight is sponsoring the Reading Rainbow Youth Writers and Illustrators contest for Kindergarten through Third grade students.
- 5) Eight's Ready To Learn Workshop Series provides free workshops to parents and early childhood educators and are available in English and Spanish. This program also partners with Communities for Kid's Don't Wait to Educate parenting workshops in Tempe. To schedule a workshop or for more information please contact Maryann at mary.dillon@asu.edu or at 480-965-2313.
- 6) A Place of Our Own is a television show offered for caregivers and caretakers of children. In addition to the show there are numerous free resources available on their website at www.aplaceofourown.org.
- 7) PBS Kid's Island is a new Raising Readers website at www.readytolearnreading.org which provides free reading games and activities for children, parents, caregivers, and teachers to use at home or in the classroom.
- 8) PBS Families also has numerous free Ready to Learn resources for parents and caregivers.

Agenda Item 4 – Data Sharing

Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School District distributed a summary of drug and alcohol incidents at the high schools for 2005 through the first semester of 2009. The data is generated from school discipline reports. The data is dependent upon how the school "codes" the offense and this varies from school to school. No clear trends are apparent.

Agenda Item 5- Communities for Kids Update

Lynette Stonefeld, Communities in Schools provide the following update:

- 1) The Don't Wait to Educate parenting series is being provided at Wood and Aguilar Elementary Schools and Compadre High School. ASSET Eight's Ready to Learn Workshop materials are being inserted into the first two sessions of this series.
- 2) The First Things First initial RFP's were released last week but none are currently in our region. Our regional partnership is working with potential partners in anticipation of a future RFP that serves our region. They are seeking an agency to fill the lead role in a proposed parent support program that would provide home visits for identified high risk families of children age zero to five and parent education and support.

Agenda Item 6 – Magellan Prevention Grant Update

Lynette Stonefeld Communities in Schools provided the following update:

- 1) At the last planning meeting the committee identified some preliminary strategies to reduce underage drinking and drug use. The final meeting for this committee will be on April 7th.
- 2) We hope to have interested planning committee members, who are not already a part of this committee, join this committee after the sixth session. The meeting time and date would likely need to be changed to better meet the needs of participants.

Agenda Item 7 – Other Grant and Program Updates

- 1) **Tim Cox, City of Tempe** reported CARE 7 applied for an Arizona Criminal Justice Commission grant to sustain its victim advocates. However, they have recently learned those funds may no longer be available.
- 2) **Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School** reported they have not heard the status yet of their Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant application.
- 3) **Kathy Berzins, City of Tempe** reported the following:
 - Experience Corps has received a \$25,000 grant through the Pasqua Yaqui Indian tribe which will assist in sustaining the Experience Corps program. The Tempe Diablos, who provided \$18,000 to the program this year recently attended an Open House at Scales School and were very impressed in the program. Dibels test scores for participants have significantly increased. Last, US News and World Report is going to feature the Tempe's program in an upcoming publication.
 - Tempe Elementary School District released an RFP for childcare for 2-5 year olds at Evans and Getz Schools. The City plans to submit a proposal.

Agenda Item 8 – Announcements

- 1) **Kim Bauman, City of Tempe** announced the 2009 YouthFest Courage Awards and Tempe Top Teens Recognition Dinner will be held April 13th at The Buttes. The cost is \$33 per person.
- 2) **Joe Spracale Tempe Impact Education (TIE) Foundation** announced Tempe Impact Education Foundation will be holding its annual dinner at the Fiesta Inn on April 11th. The Joe Spracale Commitment to Education Award recipient will be honored at the dinner. The cost is \$60 per person or \$600 for a table.
- 3) **Kim Bauman, City of Tempe** announced the 29th annual Youth Town Hall will be held Thursday, March 19th. The topics this year are Teen Healthy Image, School Transitions and Career Planning, and Teen Prescription Drug Abuse.
- 4) **Lynette Stonefeld, Communities in Schools** made the following announcements:
 - Tempe Youth Showcase will be held on April 4th from 3-5 p.m. at the Tempe Center for Arts.
 - Communities in Schools annual breakfast will be held on April 24th. Two principals will be honored at this event.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

- Consolidation of Underage Drinking Committee with Tempe's Committee for Youth, Families and Community
- Please contact Tim Cox for future program presentations.
- Please contact Kim Bauman for future agenda items.

The committee's next meeting will be on **April 20, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Prepared by: Kim Bauman

Kathy Berzins, Chair