AGENDA ITEM 1RS #2

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Memorandum

Tempe

Neighborhood Services Division

Date: December 2, 2008

To: Mayor and Council

From: Education Partnerships Council Committee
Councilmember P. Ben Arredondo, Committee Chair
Councilmember Joel Navarro, Committee Member

Staff:
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Director, 480-350-8883

Subject: Education Partnerships Council Committee Action Plan

Following for the City Council's review and acceptance is the Education Partnerships Council Committee Action Plan.

Education Partnerships Council Committee

Action Plan

Chair: **Councilmember Arredondo**
Member: **Councilmember Navarro**

Staff: Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Director

Goal: To advance partnerships between all educational entities (Arizona State University, Maricopa Community College District, Tempe Union High School District, Tempe Elementary District, Kyrene District, charter schools), non-profits furthering education and the City to enhance the quality and delivery of education within Tempe.

Action Items:

1. **Enhance the relationship of and foster partnerships between educational entities, educational non-profits and the City of Tempe.**
   - Schedule joint meetings between the City Council and the School Boards.
   - Coordinate lobbying efforts with all educational entities.
   - Support ASU's Center for Off-Campus & Commuter Student Services.

2. **Enhance communication and information sharing and dissemination.**
   - Utilize existing forms of communication such as Channel 11, Tempe Today and school distributions to promote education partnerships.
   - Utilize schools to distribute city information to promote services and solicit community participation.
   - Develop linkages between City and school district staffs to promote service, programs and information.
   - Partner with schools to create public service announcements about substance abuse, teen depression and suicide and teen sexual behavior.

3. **Identify and facilitate resource sharing between all educational entities, educational non-profits and the City of Tempe to maximize resources and improve services.**
   - Seek opportunities of joint use of ASU sports facilities for local programs.
   - Facilitate internships for High School students with the Chamber of Commerce, City, Higher Education and Tempe Businesses.
   - Help create a Community Mentoring Program.
   - Grow Nike Reuse a Shoe Program to include collection locations at schools.
   - Continue to provide school resource officers.
   - Review progress of Wi-Fi in schools.
   - Help promote a Career /Education Fair event.
   - Provide security (park rangers) in parks adjacent to schools.
   - Aid in the promotion of art programs in the schools such as Art Masterpiece and Studio Artists.

- Partner with non-profits and schools in providing suicide awareness training.
- Explore expanding tutoring programs for Kid Zone utilizing grant funding from sources such as NCLB (No Child Left Behind).
- Improve and enhance Kid Zone partnerships.
- Facilitate collaborative purchasing with the City, Schools, University and Community Colleges' purchasing departments.
- Continue to provide school ground maintenance partnerships.

4. **Facilitate and develop services to provide life-long learning opportunities, including workforce development, drop out prevention, special education, literacy programs and visual and performing arts education.**
   - Aid in the expansion drop out prevention programs.
   - Facilitate discussion and possible creation of a cognition remediation program.
   - Explore ways in which the city can assist in improving middle school achievement.
   - Support and explore opportunities to expand arts participation for citizens of all ages.

5. **Identify and facilitate joint facilities development for school-resident use (e.g. North Tempe Multi-Generational Center) and joint transportation solutions.**
   - Encourage mass transit use by school staff and students.
   - Promote Walk to School programs.
   - Investigate partnering opportunities for lighting ball fields.
   - In conjunction with the Transportation Council Committee, review the development and implementation of transportation programs to assist Tempe students.
   - Promote bike safety to students.

6. **Advance community services and programs in collaboration with educational entities serving Tempe.**
   - Coordinate human and social services programs and resources between schools and the City where appropriate.
   - Address human and social needs beneficial to schools and the City.
   - Review the disbursement of Unity Grant Funds from Tempe Community Council to Tempe High Schools.
   - Seek improvement of neighborhood schools through communities' in-schools programs.