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**Bi-Monthly Agenda**

**May 15, 2007 at 4:00 pm**

**1111 San Felipe Road Suite 108, Hollister, CA 95023**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Tad Coatsworth, Elena DeLaPuerta, Nora Jimenez, Tony LaMonica, Martha Martinez, Alanna Mendoza, Mike Walters, David Wright

**Absent:** Kathi Bosworth, Denise Ceballos, Josie Moreno, Duane Morgan, Pat Turturici, Patty Wright

**Staff:** Andi Anderson, Sylvia Jacquez, Maria Fehl, Laura Schipper

Co-Chair, Tad Coatsworth, called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

1. **Public Comment Period:** There were no public comments received.
2. **View DVD “Challenge Day”:** The video on anti-bullying and anti-violence was not available. *Agenize to next meeting.*
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the March 20, 2007 YEP Council meeting were approved as presented. *M/S/C\* David Wright/Mike Walters.*
4. **YEP Council Board Membership:** Any applications received may be considered for appointment to the YEP Council. No applications were received at this time.
5. **Youth Employment & Career Fair:** The Youth Employment & Career Fair was held on April 19, 2007 at the Veteran’s Memorial Building. Nora Jimenez stated over 200 youth attended. Youth were encouraged to fill out surveys. Nora will provide a report on the survey findings once they are finalized. Participants are looking forward to coming back next year. There were approximately 30 employers in attendance, however; students commented that they would like to see more in the future. Employers present were interviewing and hiring on the spot. Alanna stated that employers were pleased with how everything went and commented that everything flowed nicely and was very professional. Elena DeLaPuerta stated that it was a good idea to have the table set up so youth could fill out applications. Nora stated that resume writing and on-line application assistance is available at the High School.
6. **Youth Updates:** Laura Schipper reported that 21 youth are enrolled in the Youth Work Experience Program. Some youth are waiting to finish high-school. Currently there are several youth applications pending. Laura stated that there is no longer a “summer youth” program; the Youth Work Experience program runs year round.
7. **Community Updates:**
  - A. **Youth Employment Opportunity Program (YEOP):** Alanna stated that a lot of youth are coming in for YEOP services and youth not eligible for WIA services are being referred to YEOP. One YEOP employee is out on maternity leave.

- B. Cutting Edge & Sheriff's Dept:** Hillside Christian Fellowship's Cutting Edge Youth Group and the Sheriff's Department are co-sponsoring a golf tournament at Ridgemark on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Former 49er Football player Steve Young will be attending. Proceeds will go towards the Cutting Edge Youth, Emmaus House, Bridge of Hope and the Community Assistance Network.
  - C. Gang Awareness Training:** Gang Awareness training will be held May 17-18, 2007 at the Veteran's Memorial Building. Parent Awareness training will be held on Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> at Calavaras School at 7pm.
  - D. San Benito High School Graduation:** The 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement Exercises will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., on the Soccer field adjacent to Andy Hardin Stadium. Up to four free tickets will be given to each graduate and six more tickets may be purchased at \$3.00 per ticket.
8. **Updates on Committees:**
- A. Apprenticeship Exploratory Committee:** David Wright reported that Kathi Bosworth has taken lead on the Apprenticeship Exploratory Committee. At this time, there is no update.
  - B. Basic Construction Skills Committee:** David Wright stated that flyers have been distributed for the Basic Construction Skills Classes at Gavilan College. Classes begin in September and will be held on Wednesday nights from 6-9 P.M. Class registration # is TI115.
9. **YEP Board Retreat:** Discussion was held on the effectiveness of the WIB/YEP Retreat that was held on April 3, 2007. The results were included in packet. Maria noted goals and objectives for next year. Maria will forward information via e-mail and begin setting up committees to tackle the goals.
- A. YEP Council Youth Services Directory:** Mike Walters will work on getting the directories distributed at beginning of new school year. Nora Jimenez encouraged members to make sure the directories are at school early so that they can be included in the student packets. The directory link needs to be updated on the SBHS website. Nora stressed the importance of contacting the principal's office to make sure the directories are distributed. Anything going to the school district needs to be approved by Hollister School District. Maria stated we do have a contact person at the HSD. Discussed a YEP Directory Committee to make sure the directories are distributed at the beginning of the school year and at mid-year intakes. Committee members: Mike Walters, Elena DeLaPuerta, Tad Coatsworth will make up the committee.
10. **Grant Updates:** The quarterly report was included in the agenda packet for board review.
11. **Additional Information:** None

**The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M. M/S/C Elena DeLaPuerta/ Nora Jimenez**

\* Motion/Second/Concur