

**MINUTES OF
THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2008**

President Deaver opened the meeting at 8:00 AM. Directors in attendance: Deaver, Edmiston, Hart, Jamison, Novinger, Pickard, Scott, Welling. Others present: Johnstone, Novinger, Williams.

ECA PROJECT STATUS

Land Use Compatibility: No new issues

Education: The Board of Trade is planning on conducting a second dialogue on higher education on March 20, 2009. The new Chairman of the CSU Trustees, Jeff Bleich, has accepted our invitation to be the key note speaker for this event. The committee is looking at the possibility of holding the Dialogue at Mojave Airport.

Mr. Scott said "College Information Night" at Highland High School was a great success. In excess of 2,600 juniors and seniors and their parents attended. There was a lot of interest in the engineering careers briefings.

Mr. Scott reported that the annual Salute to Youth program at site 9 in Palmdale was also a big success. Approximately 2,800 students attended this event. Students from all of the AVUHSD schools attended. In addition, students from Desert Christian, AV Christian, Desert Sands, Serrano, Mojave, Rosamond, Desert, Boron, and Tehachapi High Schools attended.

Mr. Johnstone briefed that Mr. Chris Piercy will brief AV School leadership, including Antelope Valley College, on the K-16 Bridge Program in November.

FINANCIAL REPORT

James Welling said the checking account balance as of October 17th was: \$10,413.71. James also presented a proposed budget for 2009. See attached.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Desert High School has just started a robotics program and they are looking for mentors to work with the students. Interested individuals should contact Karen Thompson, Academic Advisor, at 661-258-4411, ext 143.

Mr. Johnstone said he just reviewed the results of a new study called “Tracking the Reasons Many Girls Avoid Math and Science”. The study conducted by vocational psychologists at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee indicates that the self-confidence instilled by parents and teachers is more important for young girls learning math and science than their initial interests. While interest is certainly a factor in getting older girls to study and pursue a career in these disciplines, more attention should be given to building confidence in their abilities early in their education. Overall, parent support and expectations emerged as the top support in both genders for middle-and high-school students. Also powerful for younger girls were engaging teachers and positive experiences with them.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.

The next meeting will be on November 17th at Mojave Airport.

Sincerely,

Robert Johnstone

Technical Advisor

2 Attachments: Financial Report

Budget