

MINUTES OF
THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
MEETING
APRIL 21, 2008

President Deaver opened the meeting at 8:00 AM. Directors in attendance: Deaver, Hart, Johnson, Novinger, Pickard, Scott. Others present: Gocke, Johnstone, Jung, Uhazy.

ECA PROJECT STATUS

Land Use Compatibility: Johnstone briefed on the JLUS Public Hearing in Rosamond. Deaver, Scott and Johnstone attended. In general the public was in agreement with the plan because it supported the military. There were no negative comments from the public. The JLUS Advisory Committee was scheduled to meet the following day to discuss public inputs. Baring any major inputs from the public at the Ridgecrest meeting the final report should be available in 4-6 weeks.

Education:

Engineering still booms: At a recent job fair at California State University, Sacramento companies and government agencies present said they had more than 4,000 job openings. They needed construction managers, computer scientists and civil, mechanical and electrical engineers. Most had jobs with starting salaries above \$50,000 a year, some higher. The administration projects that California companies will need an additional 40,000 engineers by 2014 to expand and replace retirees.

Prestigious awards:

SAE International, the company that recently provided “World in Motion” training for 46 local Kern and L.A. County teachers was recently awarded the National Science Board’s 2008 Public Service Award for the “World in Motion”—which is being utilized in more than 400 school districts in the U.S. and Canada.

Summer internships:

The invitation to participate in the summer intern program has been sent out to AV and east Kern County high schools. This month long program is intended for math, science and engineering students and includes field trips, classroom work and internships with business and industry.

K-16 Bridge Program:

President Deaver said he Scott and Johnstone attended a briefing at Cerro Coso Community College on a K-16 Bridge program presented by Mr. Piercy from Victor Valley College. Working with the Lewis Center for Educational Research in Apple Valley, Piercy began developing the bridge program. Key elements include involving both students and parents in the process, making that process relevant to youngsters raised in today's high-tech, media infused culture, and helping them develop relationships with each other, and beginning at the fourth grade level. Relationships between schools at all levels and with colleges is also important. That can mean having college representatives on high school campuses to interact with students. Computer software developed for the Bridge program allows students to list their career goals and college choices to see in real time if their current grades qualify them for their chosen college(s). Communities interested in exploring the possibilities of implementing a Bridge program in their community/school district can contact Mr. Piercy at 760-559-6991 or by e-mail at:cpiercy@k16bridge.org to arrange for a briefing.

Les Uhazy said he is working on a project to bring nanotechnology to the high schools.

Steve Gocke is working on middle school pathways. He is very interested in the Bridge program and thinks it has lots of possibility.

FINANCIAL REPORT

James Welling was not in attendance.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Director roster:

Johnstone handed out copies of the Director Roster to those in attendance and asked that any corrections or updates be provided to him to keep the roster current.

Edwards Summer Employment:

Edwards AFB is advertising for summer jobs at the base. Positions are available in:

Clerical (Job announcement number 160842)

Recreation Aid (Lifeguard) No. 177939)

Laborer (No. 182775)

Engineers (No. 182804)

Individuals interested need to create a resume in USA Jobs, before you can self nominate for a position. To search for these positions in USAJOBS, follow these instructions:

Keyword search: Type the job announcement number

Location Search: Click on CA-Kern Cty & Dryden Edwards AFB

Applicant Eligibility: Check "Yes"

California Forward:

A new bipartisan political foundation has been formed to improve state government. The group, called California Forward, will be directed by a 13-member bipartisan board. "California cannot be a leader in the 21st century if its government is not functioning effectively and efficiently for the people of this state," said the group's co-chairman, Leon Panetta.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.

The next meeting will be on May 19th at Mojave Airport.

Sincerely,

Robert Johnstone

Technical Advisor