

**MINUTES OF
THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2007**

President Deaver opened the meeting at 8:10 AM. Directors in attendance: Deaver, Novinger, Scott, Pickard, James, Weil. Others present: Johnstone, Gocke, Moen, Col. David Miller.

ECA Project Status

Land Use Compatibility

No activity

Education

CSU Chancellor Reed and Vice Chancellor West attended an EKERN meeting in Mojave on August 6th. The meeting was very positive with good dialogue about the need for a university and the justification for a polytechnic university. Chancellor Reed asked some very good questions all of which are answered in the Master Plan, however release of the document to the Chancellor had not been approved. The Chancellor emphasized the need for the entire region to work together in order to have any chance of a university in the area.

If the Master Plan is not released to the CSU in the near future there is probably no reason for the Board of Trade to have another Dialogue on Higher Education since there will not be any progress to report. The Dialogue is being planned for this Fall.

The Antelope Valley Board of Trade Education Committee is working with the Antelope Valley Community College and the Regional Occupation Program to establish Career Pathways leading to Certificates for students not intending to go to a four year university. This effort is just getting underway.

School Briefings – Mr. Scott is expecting to hear from Superintendent VanNorman in the near future to start briefing appropriate school officials on the activities that are ongoing in Career Technical Education programs. It was also suggested that the new Superintendent of the Muroc School District be included in these briefings.

Mr. Scott also briefed on a teleconference call he participated in with Lockheed. Lockheed has made a corporate decision to support math and science programs leading to an engineering degree. Their model program is Project Lead the Way. In addition to supporting Pathway programs in elementary, middle and high schools they are also planning on getting engineers out into the schools to speak with students, provide senior project support and other activities that will lead students into engineering career programs. This program should fit very nicely into the Career Pathway program the Board of Trade is establishing.

Financial Report –

James Welling presented a financial report (see attached) showing a balance of \$35,179.81.

Open Discussion-

Road to Excellence-The Edwards Solution was briefed by Mr. Welling (see attached). This program will provide a Center of Excellence founded on the marriage of two principals—“No Child Left Behind” and “It Takes a Village to Raise a Child”. The program will provide: Family child care, Continued education, and School programs. The greatest need for the program is approximately \$8,000 annually to purchase books for the students. After some discussion, if our charter permits it, ECA will consider donating \$2,000. No formal vote or other action was taken on this proposal.

The annual Salute to Youth career day will be September 21st at Air Force Plant 42. Kern county schools are encouraged to attend this event which hosts approximately 2,500 students each year.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in Rosamond at the Community Services building on September 17th

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Deaver adjourned the meeting at 9:00 AM

Respectively Submitted

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