



# Agenda

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## MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Santa Fe Preparatory School Library

1101 Camino De Cruz Blanca

4:45 – 6:00pm

1. Call to Order
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  - C. Santa Fe Partnership for Communities and Schools - Mollie Kelley
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  - A. Discussion on PYE Implementation – Entire Board
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7. Discussion items for next meeting and choose next meeting place.
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**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF SANTA FE  
MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board was called to order on the above date at approximately 4:45 by Alex Wirth, Chair at the Santa Fe Preparatory School Library, 1101 Camino De Cruz Blanca, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated a quorum as follows:

**Members Present**

Alex Wirth, Chair  
Caitlin Smith  
Nick Gordon  
Adrian Salazar  
Lauren Buchanan  
Kamon Tari (arrived later)

**Members Absent**

Vaughn Fortier-Shultz (excused)  
Adrianna Torres  
Moises Tarango

**Staff Present**

Monique Rodriquez for Gordon Betancourt  
Terrie Rodriquez

**Others Present**

Mollie Kelly  
Emily Talbot  
Aaron Stevens  
Lynn Gary  
Justin Haas  
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Mr. Salazar moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Ms. Smith seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 9, 2010**

**Mr. Salazar moved to approve the Minutes of December 9, 2010 as presented. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. *Forum with Students from Santa Fe Prep***

Students Emily Talbot and Aaron Stevens were introduced from Santa Fe Prep.

Ms. Talbot said she was there to provide support. Mr. Stevens suggested there be funding to clean the main public library. He said it was unsanitary, especially in the nonfiction area.

Chair Wirth said he would mention the issue to Patricia Hodap, Director of Libraries.

The agenda order was revised until Ms. Valenzuela arrived.

### **C. *Santa Fe Partnership for Communities and Schools - Mollie Kelley (Revised Agenda Order)***

Ms. Kelly said she was with AmeriCorps Vista with Santa Fe Partnership with Communities in the Schools. She explained AmeriCorps Vista was a national organization similar to the Peace Corps which was international. She said she fights poverty through the New Mexico Forum for Youth and Community based in Albuquerque. She is a Youth Service Coordinator with Santa Fe Partnership with Communities in the Schools; a regional partnership organization (RPO.) She said she looks at the ways positive youth development models were used in youth service providers.

*Ms. Tari entered the meeting at this time.*

Ms. Kelly said the ideas behind programs were looked at such as, if youth facilitate the program; participate in the program, etc. and the various ways youth were involved. She said she gets the voice of youth into the community by going into schools and working with Santa Fe under Age Drinking Prevention Alliance where she held a forum at Saint Mike's and the youth shelters.

She said she works with Graduate New Mexico; a statewide initiative to graduate 10,000 dropouts by fall 2011. People who dropped out of school were recruited and helped to get into a degree process, whether a GED, on line, high school diploma, etc.

Ms. Kelly was interested in the process of the MYAB. She asked what resources they used when the members determined a project to do.

Ms. Tari said her ideas came from her observations of teens around Santa Fe.

Chair Wirth said much of what the Board does was from what member's had seen in the community, issues from Ms. Rodriguez and the City Council and Councilor Dominguez. He said Ms. Buchanan was big on sustainability and projects were a blend of Board ideas.

Ms. Kelly asked how the Board implemented an issue in the community.

Ms. Buchanan said she currently worked on sustainable lesson plans for little kids taught by high school

kids. She networked with groups in Santa Fe such as Earth Care, contacted teachers for recommendations and communicated through Student Councils and other organizations in Santa Fe.

Chair Wirth said the Board had good connections with Student Councils in individual schools and had partnered with community organizations such as the Food Depot, Esperanza Shelter for Domestic Violence, the youth shelters and Warehouse 21.

Ms. Rodriguez said the Board also worked with the Santa Fe Police Department for officers to go to the schools at lunch to become a familiar face instead of being seen as a punitive authority figure.

Ms. Kelly asked about the relationship between the Board and City lawmakers and policymakers.

Chair Wirth said the Board had City Staff members such as James Garduno who works with Carlos Ortega Teen Center. He said Councilor Dominguez was probably the strongest advocate and was appointed by the Mayor as the official City Council advocate. He talked with the Councilor about once a month.

Ms. Kelly asked what issues the Board felt were important.

Mr. Gordon said he was creating a workshop with teachers on domestic violence. He said there wasn't enough information in the schools for teachers to give to students in a domestic violence situation. He said teachers were unsure how to handle the situation or students that questioned their sexuality and experienced abuse because from their parents. He worked with Esperanza and Solace Treatment Center to provide tools for teachers and make them aware of organizations that could help.

Ms. Smith said one topic Ms. Tari brought up was the hunger issue in Santa Fe. She said the food drive was a great way for people to learn about the different levels of hunger.

Chair Wirth said another topic was the lack of things for kids to do. He said a lot of the negative behavior, violence, underage drinking and drugs stemmed from kids not having constructive things to do after school. He said the Board felt the Teen Center could stem some of the problems.

Ms. Tari said she worked on starting a Mentorship Festival that could be biannual- one in the summer and one during the school year.

Mr. Salazar said the idea to implement PYE (Positive Youth Engagement) came from what he had seen related to gang violence at DeVargas Middle School in 2007/08. He said fights happened on and off campus and was spread down the street to the Lafarge Library. He said PYE enabled officers to socialize with students and the officers were shown in a human light as a resource.

Chair Wirth said the City held a Santa Fe Youth Summit in 2007 with a workshop where Santa Fe youth listed 10 to 11 major issues they faced. He said that became the MYAB Bible.

Ms. Kelly said Jessie at the youth shelter expressed interest in things the TLC (transitional living kids) could do and mentioned the kids coming to a MYAB meeting.

Chair Wirth said MYAB would love to have a discussion with the kids of what was going on in Santa Fe from their perspective. He said or if they didn't want to discuss anything the meetings were public and the kids were more than welcome to attend the meeting.

#### *D. Discussion on the MYAB Application Process*

Chair Wirth said two applications were received from promising candidates from two schools, Desert and ATC; currently not represented on the Board. He said five slots were open and the application deadline was next Thursday.

The Board discussed the applications. On past applications it was decided that Chair Wirth would send a reminder to the previous applicants stating the application had not changed and if interested, applications should be resubmitted. The application deadline would remain January 27 and be publicly extended to February 3, 2011 on that date.

The Board discussed meeting informally for a study session. Chair Wirth would keep members posted by email.

How to advertise for members was talked about; a press release had been sent and the MYAB Facebook page mentioned the search several times. Chair Wirth offered to do a KSFR radio announcement; members would spread the word in their schools; Ms. Buchanan would contact someone from the Masters Program and Ms. Kelly offered to send the information to her schools also.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### *A. Discussion on PYE Implementation*

Chair Wirth asked members for an update from their schools.

Ms. Buchanan said she heard the project went well and was hard for people to find room at the table. She said Officer Nikko (Butler) also attended the Student Conference meeting.

Ms. Smith said she had e-mailed and the Officer had been out of the office and would be back soon.

Mr. Salazar said Mr. Fortier-Shultz took charge and he was unsure if contact was made with Officer Butler.

Mr. Gordon said he sent multiple emails without any response. He said Monte Del Sol wanted the project to happen.

Chair Wirth suggested Mr. Gordon call the officer. Ms. Rodriguez suggested Mr. Gordon copy Deputy Chief Anaya when he e-mailed the officer so his boss was aware of the effort being made to contact him.

Chair Wirth congratulated Mr. Salazar on a fantastic job at the Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Salazar said he gave a short presentation on police engagement in schools at the meeting. He said

School Board members asked if they should visit students and socialize with them at the schools during lunch similar to the police officers.

Mr. Salazar said the School Board supported the program and applauded the MYAB's efforts and the Chair of the School Board meeting, Bobbie Gutierrez, backed the idea of School Board member's visits.

Ms. Rodriguez said no one at the School Board meeting offered to coordinate the visits and they should be coordinated. She thought School Board members could visit the day between the officer's visits. She suggested Mary Ellen Gonzales on the Regional Juvenile Justice Board would be interested.

She said it would be nice to have access to the policymakers. She commented how great it was that three youth representatives were on the Santa Fe School Board.

Chair Wirth suggested one step at a time. He said a strong program should be in place with the officers and that could be a model for civic engagement. He would create a list serve with everyone involved in the program and send it out.

#### **NEW BUSINESS (Revised Agenda Order)**

##### **B. New Mexico Forum for Youth in the Community -Lucy Valenzuela**

Ms. Valenzuela said she graduated from UNM in December and had worked with a Youth Alliance under the New Mexico Forum for Youth in the Community since October. She introduced Ricardo Astorga.

Mr. Astorga said he attended UNM and was involved in the Youth Alliance for about 2 years. He said the Alliance wants to cover problems with youth; violence, drugs, alcohol. He said they got youth involved from every community statewide so they would get their community's youth involved. He said the Alliance does a lot of community service and met often with former Lieutenant Governor Diane Denish who started the program.

Ms. Valenzuela said on Wednesday all of the Alliance members would meet in Santa Fe to advocate at Youth Day in the Round House and teambuilding activities and networking was planned with Santa Fe Community College.

She talked about the play "Dropping-In" about high school student's issues with drugs, alcohol and teen pregnancy. She said the first performance was October, 2009 at the Graduation Summit. The play was presented in December at the Youth Practitioner Summit and would have four other performances in the State. Funding was received by an Alliance member from the America's Promise Grant that allowed the play to be performed in communities statewide.

Ms. Valenzuela said the play would end in June at the Olla Conference whose theme was Navigating Our World (NOW.) She said the conference was to create partnerships for youth networks and enable youth to meet other youth from different areas of the state and learn from each other. Workshops would be held on networking or building youth/adult partnerships.

Ms. Valenzuela asked MYAB for help in getting youth from the Santa Fe area to attend and in providing contact information for those who wanted more information or wanted to be on the list serve.

Ms. Smith said she would ensure Ms. Valenzuela's contact information was sent out.

Chair Wirth said the New Mexico Youth Forum had been a strong advocate for youth in the community. He complimented them on their fantastic work and said he had presented at their Youth Practitioners Summit and their Executive Director had given a presentation on teen dating violence.

Ms. Valenzuela said next month was Teenage Violence Awareness Month and the Alliance would focus on those issues. A special edition newsletter on teen dating violence prevention, etc. would be sent to all Youth Alliance members.

### **OLD BUSINESS (continued)**

#### **B. Mentorship Festival Update – Kamon Tari**

Ms. Tari asked for feedback on a write up she did on the Mentorship Festival. She read what she had written. She added that a counselor should be included in case of a problem between the mentor and the person mentored.

Ms. Rodriguez suggested that Partners in Education might be willing to do case management work.

Chair Wirth said the next step was to contact organizations. He asked Ms. Tari to send out the proposal and Mr. Gordon to contact Lisa Adler. Ms. Kelly offered to contact the Art Institute for mentors. She said they had presented at the Juvenile Justice Board on something similar.

Ms. Tari agreed to coordinate the contact list. The Board agreed on the contacts being made as follows:

- Ms. Buchanan- the Mayor and City Council Members and Zack Taylor
- Mr. Fortier-Shultz- editors for the Santa Fe New Mexican and the Reporter
- Mr. Salazar -Economic Development Division
- Mr. Gordon Nick – Lisa Adler at Monte Del Sol
- Ms. Tari- Chamber of Commerce president, the Boys and Girls Club, Warehouse 21, Partners in Education
- Ms. Smith -Front News and Education

Chair Wirth asked that Ms. Tari be kept informed of the status when contacts were made.

Ms. Tari suggested the board meet twice a month because they were getting busy.

Chair Wirth said because of budget the Board was asked to cut meetings. He said officially they could only meet once a month but members could informally meet but no action could be taken.

Ms. Rodriguez said the mentorship program for Santa Fe employees hadn't gotten off the ground because of the time commitment. She talked about a program she had in school like "be Mayor for the day" etc.

Ms. Rodriguez suggested the Board might get participation from professionals with the State with that approach. She said the commitment would be shorter and from an employer's perspective wouldn't cut work production.

**Mr. Salazar moved to approve and endorse as important for the youth of Santa Fe, Ms. Tari's proposal for the Mentorship Festival project as presented. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion and the motion passed by majority voice vote.**

**Ms. Tari made a friendly amendment that the motion include a counselor in case of problems with the mentor/mentored relationship.**

**Mr. Salazar and Mr. Gordon accepted the friendly amendment. The amended motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**A. Teen Center Funding Update – Alex Wirth**

Chair Wirth said City Council passed a resolution to reevaluate the lease on the Teen Center and negotiations were being done.

Ms. Rodriguez said when the time left on the lease was discussed the money (\$70,000) wasn't released for the next step because the plans would be specific to the site. She said because the MYAB was what made the Mayor and City Council think that could be pushed through, it should be re-visited in the summer.

Ms. Rodriguez said the City had to weigh whether Tina Griego was worth \$3-4 million or if another space was available. She said there were other pieces of land and the City planned to move many of the City operations onto a big piece off of Siler Road and community spaces there had been discussed. She suggested MYAB advocate one of those spaces be a teen center.

The Board discussed the location and the design process for a new center.

Ms. Buchanan asked to be sent names of students who would like to teach sustainability.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AND CHOOSE NEXT MEETING PLACE**

Chair Wirth mentioned on the next agenda he would include Solace Outreach, youth shelter issues, PYE, and the Teen Center. Mr. Gordon asked to add the tee shirt workshop and was asked to send information to Chair Wirth.

Meeting locations for February were discussed as Solace Treatment Center and Capital or Monte del Sol High School.

**MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

There were none

## **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were none.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

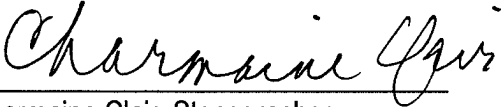
*Having no further business to address the chair adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.*

Approved by:

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Alex Wirth, Chair

Submitted by:

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Charmaine Clair, Stenographer