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MAYORS'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 29, 2012

St. Michael's High School

4:45 – 6:00 pm

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
St. Michael's High School
March 29, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Mayor's Youth Advisory Board, was called to order on Thursday, March 29, 2012, at approximately 4:45 p.m., by Kamon Tari, Acting Chair, at St. Michael's High School.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lauren Buchanan, Chair
Adrian Salazar, Vice-Chair
Vaughn Fortier-Shultz
Eliana Ward-Lev
Kamon Maris Tari
Allison Valdez
Martin Soto
Isaac Green

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Griffin Merians [alternate]

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill Dimas– Council Liaison
Faridah Odiyaе – resigned
Jordon A. Zoeckler– resigned

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:

Teri Rodriguez, Director, Youth & Family Services
Victor Vigil, Youth & Family Services Staff
Audrey Roybal V-Girls Action Team
Cecile Lipworth, Managing Director, V-Day
Austin Basham, St. Michael's High School
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

There was a quorum of the membership in attendance.

The Acting Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Acting Chair Tari said she would like to move the presentation by Ms. Cecile Lipworth and Ms. Roybal to the beginning of new business.

MOTION: Eliana Ward-Lev moved, seconded by Martin Soto, to approve the Agenda as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent for the vote: Adrian Salazar].

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 16, 2012

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 2, paragraph 2 under (c) MYAB Application Process, correct as follows: ~~Fortier-Schults~~ Fortier-Shults.

MOTION: Eliana Ward-Lev moved, seconded by Vaughn Fortier-Shults, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2012, as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent for the vote: Adrian Salazar].

NEW BUSINESS

A(1) V-GIRLS PRESENTATION

Cecile Lipworth, Managing Director, V-Day, said V-Day is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. She said it is a completely virtual organization which works in more than 140 countries. The movement was founded by Eve Ensler, author of *The Vagina Monologues*, and a book for teenagers called *I'm an Emotional Creature, the Secret Life of Girls Around the World*, and they are here to talk about the Emotional Creature clubs which they are introducing into the world.

Ms. Lipworth said *The Vagina Monologues* changed the way women started thinking about violence toward them. She said the author, Eve Ensler, has traveled all over the world during the last 15 years, and she began to see a lot of what is happening to young girls and teenage girls. Ms. Ensler started interviewing teenage girls about various issues in the same way she interview women to write *Monologues*. She found that the overriding theme for girls in the world is that girls are taught to please everyone, and decided to revolution what young girls are thinking about. It would be good, instead of pleasing everyone, if young girls could come into their power and stay as emotional and dynamic as they are, and do things which are important to them – academics, to be scientists, to handle money.

Ms. Lipworth said Ms. Ensler wrote this book as poems, stories, monologues about young girls that she's met across the world. She said two years ago we did a reading production at The Lensic and Ms. Roybal was a part of this, noting there was a sold-out performance. She said boys and girls in the audiences started to understand what was going on in their lives and started to identify with a lot of the stories that were happening.

Ms. Lipworth said V-Day created V-Girls, and asked Ms. Roybal to be on the team leadership group, to try to get young girls and boys involved in activism and showing the world that girls should not kept down any more, and that we can lift them up and let them have their own voices. She said it is an important part of what is happening right now in politics in the U.S. and taking over womens' rights, and it is a very big piece of what the future holds for everyday. She said V-Day is a very radical movement, and everything they do is art and activism based. She said the productions can't happen right now because Ms. Ensler is busy rehearsing and about to launch a commercial production off Broadway. She said people aren't allowed to do performances, but they have created the Emotional Creature Club. She said this is what Ms. Roybal is doing in Santa Fe.

Ms. Lipworth said V-Day is a radical group of activists who believe that activism comes from the grass roots, and it comes from the bottom up and it is up to them as activists and you as teams. She said if you want to see something happening in the school, then you want young boys and girls to be involved – if this inspires you. She said they would like to see it come from the teens, from the bottom up.

Audrey Roybal, V-Girls Action Team, noting there are 12 of them all over the world, and they have gone into their communities to spread the word of how to get involved, how to get young girls feeling empowered and how they can take back their own power, which is the idea of the book. She said she is bringing this to this Board, so you can take it to your school. She said she has spoken with several administrators, and she wants to know your you feel about it, because it's going to be you dealing directly with your peers.

Responding to a question from the Board, Ms. Roybal said she has served on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board in 2008.

Ms. Roybal said she graduated from Santa Fe High and was involved in almost everything. She went to college and got involved with V-Day and V-Girls, and she thought it would be a little easier coming back because the administration knows her. She said she didn't realize in approaching them she would hit a brick wall. She said her challenge to this group, and her request, is to be a part of and taking on this movement.

Ms. Roybal said we don't realize how much the media affects us every day, especially young girls and boys. She said it's not about being a feminist, and they aren't against men because we have constant dealings with men who surround us, and we're affected by what happens. She said we have to bring up this movement together.

Ms. Roybal said her parents are opening a fitness/wellness studio called Together Strong, and there is a big warehouse space she would like to use a central place for students from all of the high schools to sit and address some of the issues, and start little movements within their own schools to affect the community. She said in New Mexico we grow up with "such a one-way street of thought," we don't get to see what else is happening in the world. She knows this because she was raised by a Santa Fe, home grown family, which has always done the same thing, worked the same jobs. She said we recycle what our parents keep going and it won't make us any better – especially when the world around us changing so much and evolving.

Ms. Roybal said everything about V-Day is on the web at www.v-girls.org. She said there are links to the curriculum to start book clubs, to open discussion groups and material each group would need to support the message they're trying to get to the public.

Mr. Soto asked what is the purpose of V-Girls, commenting he knows it is to raise awareness, and asked how.

Ms. Lipworth said the Book Club is an old fashioned term, so they are trying to do Emotional Creature Clubs. They do have a full curriculum and a Book Club guide or an Emotional Creature Club guide that takes all of these issues with which Ms. Ensler deals in the book – sexual slavery, female genital mutilation, peer pressure, teen pregnancy and more – and deals with them in a way that encourages people to start talking about them. The whole goal is to get people talking about the issues. She said it goes to all the aspects of what teenagers go through when they're bullied, they don't have anyone to talk to. It's really bringing up the issues for teenagers to start bonding themselves in groups which support them and their ideas. It's about coming together to talk about the issues.

Ms. Roybal said regardless of whether you see it now, as we get older, we open our eyes a little more to what else is “out there.” We understand there are things in high school which should have been addressed, but don’t because the administration doesn’t know how to do that.

Adrian Salazar arrived at the meeting

Ms. Lipworth said the people in the group will decide what they want – better sex education in schools, kids learn more about bullying – what you want to bring to your school as a message which is applicable and is appropriate.

Ms. Roybal said she believes the young men and women are serving on this Board to make a difference, and to help on decisions that are made which affect you ever day. She asked how many of their peers are willing to do that. She said, “We see images of things that we’re supposed to be. We’re supposed to fit into this image. We’re supposed to look like this, but we’re not supposed to be too smart. Right. Because, then the society looks at us in a different way. We’re supposed to be fit and thin and fit this perfect little body, but when we don’t, it’s like we’re not good enough. So, we’re trying to change that. And it’s the same thing with young men. It’s a little bit less, but there are still images that get put in front of you, that you don’t even realize. And so, that’s what we’re trying to do.”

Ms. Lipworth said it’s the whole thing of boys don’t cry, boys shouldn’t be emotional and such. She said teen boys are just as emotional as teen girls. She said although this is a movement to empower young women, we definitely emotional creatures, and this has to be a partnership with young men and young women.

Acting Chair Tari said then you have a studio where you talk about things.

Ms. Roybal said in high school people stick with people you know – if you attend Prep, you stay with Prep, for example. She said you may have friends outside that, but there’s little interaction between the high schools in any way, shape or form, other than sporting events. She said she wants to create this studio space so, no matter what high school you attend, you can still come to the studio and be a part of this group. She said to grow as a community, we need to work together.

Ms. Roybal said the studio opens on Sunday, noting there are fitness classes in the evening, but during the day, right after school, she wants to establish the group. She said they have everything they would need. She said they are talking about applying for grants. She said classes are taught there, or they can volunteer at the shelters through this group. She said life happens very quickly after high school, and you have to be ready for it and be willing to change.

Ms. Lipworth said the goal is to develop one group to begin, which Ms. Roybal can coordinate and facilitate at the studio.

A member of the Board asked how the team should advertise this around the high school.

Acting Chair Tari asked if there is a poster or flyer they can put up, and Ms. Lipworth said no, but this is something for the group to develop.

A member asked if V-Girls will come to schools and do presentations.

Ms. Roybal said yes, with the administrative approval, commenting that it is difficult.

Mr. Soto said his school is open to things like this.

Ms. Roybal said if this is coming from a student, then it has a completely different effect on the administration than if it were to come from her.

Ms. Lipworth said they have a young women at the Community College who is doing the V-Day stuff.

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Ms. Lipworth left 2 copies of *I'm an Emotional Creature, the Secret Life of Girls Around the World*, for the group to read and share, or said they could go online to Amazon.com and order a copy of the book.

Acting Chair Tari said it would be easy to spread the word, and asked Ms. Roybal to mail a summary of what they're trying to accomplish, along with meeting dates and times.

Ms. Lipworth said determining when to meet would be something for this Board, as leaders in your schools, to help Ms. Roybal to determine.

Ms. Helberg asked, for clarification, if Ms. Lipworth is based in Santa Fe.

Ms. Lipworth said yes, commenting, "We are a completely virtual organization, so we don't have any officers. We work around the world in home offices. We keep our overheads really low, so we give away as much money as possible."

Ms. Lipworth said one of the statistics from the United Nations is that 1 in 3 women in the world will be raped or abused in their lifetime, noting there are 7 billion people on the earth. She noted next year, V-Day will be celebrating its 15th anniversary. They want to get 1 billion women and the men that love them to rise up, strike and [inaudible] for the day. She said if you have ideas for teen dancing and supporting this effort would be fabulous. They have website featuring a tumbler, with photos and music and dancing over the next year.

Ms. Roybal said the studio will be a central place in Santa Fe for that effort. She said the studio is on Richards Lane off Rufina, right behind Home Depot.

Acting Tari said she will speak to them individually and share her ideas with them.

MOTION: Isaac Green moved, seconded by Vaughn Fortier-Shultz, to reconsider the previous action to approve the agenda, to amend the agenda under Old Business to delete Officers in Schools since Officer Butler isn't here, and add White House Town Halls, Change for Change, Face Book Page, and Ski Helmets, and to approve the Agenda as Amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Chair Buchanan arrived at the meeting and assumed the duties of the chair.

A. ART FESTIVAL

The Board discussed the proposed Art Festival as follows:

- Miss Tari said she spoke with Sandy, the coordinator of events at the Railyard Park, and they won't be providing a stage for us, so we have to do that as well. She spoke with Sandy about Saturday, June 16th and Saturday, July 21st. She said they have the Art market on Saturday which doesn't end until 2:00 p.m., and it takes 1-2 hours to clean up the area. She said she doesn't believe Saturday is a good day for us. She said Friday or Sunday would work. She said then we need to decide whether to start really late on Saturday or move it to Sunday.

It was the consensus among the Board to move the Art Festival to Sunday.

- Responding to a question from the Board as to where this was approved by the Board, Chair Buchanan said we have discussed this previously and we are continuing the conversation.
- Miss Tari said she plans to have booths featuring culinary and visual arts. We need to decide where our equipment will be, determine numbers of people, a list of the number of booths, and then coordinating with the Railyard Park and Warehouse.
- Miss Tari said we just need to jump into this and not worry about the new members, commenting they will catch on quickly.
- Chair Buchanan pointed out that realistically we have 3 meetings until June.

The Board discussed the best date to hold the Art Market. After discussion, it was the consensus among the Board to hold the Art Market on June 17, 2012.

- Mr. Green asked what this Board needs to do to prepare by the April meeting in order to stay on track.
- Miss Tari said we need to confirm the availability of the warehouse and the Railyard Park decide how many visual art groups and how many acts we want, and how long we want those to be. After that we will then schedule auditions, commenting we won't have enough people to be "super picky."
- Miss Tari said she will talk to Sandy at the Railyard and Ana at Warehouse 21.
- Miss Tari said we need to arrange for a stage and the booths.

Miss Rodriguez said we could ask the Parks Division to loan us a stage, but they don't have booths.

- Miss Tari suggested using plastic tables, and said she will ask Warehouse 21 if they have plastic tables we could borrow.
- Mr. Green said the outside part of the Farmer's Market has tents, and we would could talk to the Farmer's Market about using them.
- Chair Buchanan said she will speak to the Farmer's Institute about that, noting we need tables as well.

- Miss Buchanan said we need some kind of flyer by the next meeting to announce the Art Festival.
- Miss Ward-Lev asked Miss Tari when she plans on holding auditions for the artists, so that information could be included on the flyer announcing the Art Festival
- Miss Rodriguez said we first need to do a template for the flyers.

After discussion, it was the consensus among the Board to make a decision on the flyers at the next meeting of the Board.

- Miss Ward-Lev asked who would be holding the auditions and judging the artists, and Miss Tari said that will be done by this Board.
- Mr. Fortier-Shults asked if they want flyers for the auditions or to announce the Art Festival.

Miss Rodriguez said it is for the auditions.

Mr. Fortier-Shults said he has Photo Shop, so he can do a flyer.

- Miss Tari said the Board can establish the date for auditions at its next meeting.
- Chair Buchanan asked if we will require the visual arts to provide examples of the work.
- Miss Tari is concerned about people having to do so much just to get there. She said people who want to do this already will have work. She said there will be no selling.
- Miss Tari said we need to decide if we want to have food vendors. It was the consensus among the Board not to have food vendors, and to use the food vendor from the Farmer's Market which is already established, if they are willing.

B. ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS

Martin Soto said the most difficult part will be getting a consistent DJ. He said he believes it is too much to do an activity every Friday and suggests either every other Friday or one Friday per month, where we have a dance for all teens City-wide. He has looked at places to hold the event, one of which is the Democratic Headquarters, but was concerned if that would be a good thing. He said he has been looking middle-town and he found one place off Rodeo Grounds near the Rodeo Grounds.

Miss Ward-Lev suggested using space at the Community College, and doesn't believe that would be a big issue on a Friday night, and said she would be happy to facilitate that.

Ms. Tari would like more tangible information before discussing this further, commenting that Warehouse 21 does a good job with these things.

Mr. Valdez said the Teen Center and Boys & Girls Club are starting to put together Friday night events as well, and he can meet with Mr. Soto and tell him what's going on with this.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. VOTER REGISTRATION

Chair Buchanan said Prep is doing its second round of voter registration tomorrow.

Mr. Fortier-Shults and Mr. Salazar said they registered 30 people at Santa Fe High.

Ms. Buchanan said anybody can register people to vote as long as you have the official voter registration forms, and it is much easier than you would think, commenting you can get the forms at the County Clerk's Office.

Ms. Rodriguez asked if a voter registration day could be done here at St. Michael's High School.

Alli Valdez said she spoke with the administration and they are interested in doing voter registration.

Chair Buchanan said the League of Women Voters is very active in registering people to vote and she will provide that telephone number.

B. TEEN CENTER

Chair Buchanan said Griffin Merians has been working on this, noting he is at debates this afternoon.

Ms. Rodriguez said Mr. Merians has been emailing her and the members of the Committee about this. She said the City probably won't pursue purchasing the land LaFarge and Tino Griego Pool are on. She said they were asked to find another place for a Teen Center on land which is

owned by the City. She spoke with Isaac Pino, who suggested talking with the Boys & Girls Club which owns 10 acres on Ocate near Newman's Nursery. He said the Boys & Girls Club wanted to build a huge center with a pool, gym, and the UNM Architecture school did some charettes of different plans. She said she has seen those and they are amazing. However, there is no money at this time to do this, nor do they think they will get the funds. She said Mr. Pino suggested perhaps a combined effort with the Boys & Girls Club might be successful. She said they got federal funds to purchase the land.

Ms. Rodriguez said perhaps this could be phased-in to see if we could get this done. She said the Boys & Girls Club director is Roman Abeyta.

Mr. Valdez said if this doesn't work, it might be worth while to "throw our lot in with the Library."

Ms. Rodriguez said it would take \$5 million to bring LaFarge up to par, and a new building would be \$6 million, so it makes more sense to look at building a new building. She said they were looking to rebuild LaFarge on the old College of Santa Fe property.

Mr. Green asked if this would be a 2015 bond issue, and Ms. Rodriguez said it will be 2014.

Mr. Green asked if we could be on the same bond as the library, and asked how to start working on this.

Ms. Rodriguez said yes, noting staff was directed to work with CIP to start looking at library sites.

Chair Buchanan suggested Mr. Green set up a meeting with the Library Director Pat Hodapp.

C. ~~OFFICERS IN SCHOOLS~~

This item was removed from the Agenda because Officer Nico Butler isn't in attendance.

D. MYAB APPLICATION PROCESS

Chair Buchanan said she is in favor of expanding the size of the Board, because we sometimes do not have a quorum.

Ms. Rodriguez said it is more difficult to get a quorum with a large group, noting this is the reason alternates were allowed.

Chair Buchanan said she understood there are 8 members with 4 alternates on this board, noting once she and Mr. Fortier-Shults leave the Board, you will be looking for 4 members/ alternates. She said we do try to get people from each school, but when that isn't possible, that we need to consider getting good members who are interested and who will attend the meetings.

Ms. Rodriguez said there are four applications currently, including Austin Basham [St. Michael's], the Chair's brother [Santa Fe Prep], Eva Roth [Arts] and one other.

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The Board discussed members who have unexcused and chronic absences and suggested the Chair contact Griffin Merrians before the next meeting about his unexcused absences, and that the Board consider a written recommendation to the Mayor to remove chronically absent members, and to look at applications and consider recommendations to the Mayor to fill the existing vacancies at the next meeting.

Chair Buchanan said, in filling vacancies, we need to consider people who will attend and participate in the work of the Committee.

E. WHITE HOUSE TOWN HALL

Ms. Rodriguez said the City was contacted by the White House and they're looking for youth to participate in Town Halls. She said they also have contacted the Community College as well. She said interested people can contact Liss at the Community College. She said the White House is looking for entrepreneurship. She said they will be looking at other issues such as violence, bullying and other global issues, noting they are looking for suggestions for local solutions.

Chair Buchanan said she understood they are expecting 350 people for these town halls, and the age group would be 18-32 years of age, which is well above our usual target demographic.

Ms. Rodriguez said we can do the one in Santa Fe the way we would like to have it done, and if the Community College is interested, we could get an older group. However, the people suggested from this group should persons 15-18 years old, and believes that could be just as informative to the White House. She said the persons doing the moderating and facilitation of the process will be from the White House, and there won't be any locals doing that.

Chair Buchanan said she imagines they were looking for people who are voting age. She said it will be a four-hour summit with a lunch/snack break and they choose one of the topics, but the other two topics are chosen locally. They will then bring in local and federal officials to present on the topics.

Mr. Green asked about bring in the Santa Fe Institute on Foreign Policy or the Council on International Relations.

Ms. Ward-Lev said she can communicate with the Community College and asked if they would consider presentations to age 15-22 year olds.

Ms. Rodriguez said she also should see what the Community College's interest in this.

Chair Buchanan said four-hours is a very long time. She said the structure is first to discuss the established topics, secondly what local leaders in the area have been doing, then what the federal government is doing, and finally break into small discussion groups.

Ms. Rodriguez said what we really want to decide is whether or not we really want to work with their structure.

Ms. Ward-Lev participated last year, and although it was a long half-day, it wasn't difficult to get people to participate. She doesn't think the structure wouldn't be a huge issue, and believes it would be more whether they could work with the age group.

Chair Buchanan said she understood, with regard to the Town Hall conducted at Arizona State, people could attend in person only if they were invited, but they were going to stream the proceedings to other high schools and universities.

Mr. Green said now that he has heard more about this, he doubts that we could pull it off.

Chair Buchanan said it wouldn't be our project and probably would have to be the Community College's project that we "piggy-back on or help out with."

Ms. Ward-Lev doesn't believe that we will get anywhere near 300 people to participate, and agreed we could work with the Community College.

F. CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Postponed to the next meeting.

G. FACEBOOK AGE

Postponed to the next meeting.

H. SKI HELMETS

Postponed to the next meeting.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Continuation of discussion on the Art Festival and Board membership, update on White House Town Hall, Items 6(F) through (H), and a presentation by Adrian Salazar on the results of Officers in Schools.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Thursday, April 19, 2012, at 4:45 p.m.

8. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

There were no matters from the Committee.

9. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no matters from the floor.

10. ADJOURNMENT

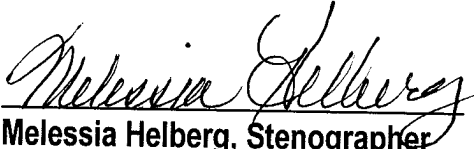
There was no further business to come before the Board

MOTION: Isaac Green moved, seconded by Eliana Ward-Lev, to adjourn the meeting.

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VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Lauren Buchanan, Chair


Melessia Helberg, Stenographer