ASSOCIATES OF ARTS IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NPC

Minutes of The Meeting.

In attendance:

Mr. Dick Heimann, Education Department Chairperson, NPC, Dr. Sandra K. Johnson, Education Faculty, NPC, Mrs. Claude Endfield, Early Childhood Development Department, NPC, Mr. Ron Squire, Carl Perkins Grant NPC, Dr. Eric Henderson, Dean, NPC, Mrs. Linda Morrow. Superintendent of Schools, Navajo County, Mr. William Newman, Fourth Grade Teacher Winslow Unified School District, Mrs. Delia Allen, Teacher Assistant/NPC Student, SJUSD, Mr. Brad Call, Administrator Renaissance Academy-Pinetop, Ms. Mary Good, Principal WRUSD, Mr. Earl Pette, Superintendent, WRUSD. Ms. Barbara Berheim, ASU-West PDS Coordinator, Mr. Matt Weber, Assistant Superintendent NAVIT, and parent of a student.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm SCC, December 7, 2006

Participants introduced self, expressing their "stake" in the success of NPC's AAEE program.

- 1. Dick Heimann presented the goals and roles of the community advisory committee, which included providing advice (as a body of relevant experts) to the college through the education department faculty. The committee is not expected to provide direction or make binding decisions, but focus on nurturing creative ideas and making recommendations to encourage excellence and success of the students and program. Committee members can support the program by:
 - Promoting the program in the community
 - Liaisons with professional organizations, employers, policy making bodies
 - Responding to innovations and ideas generated with in the college
 - Providing outreach to various segments of the community
 - Providing insights into the relevance of program to current and emerging needs
 - Providing opinions/information
 - Recruiting students
 - Serving as resource persons for students
 - Contributing to program evaluations
 - Suggesting courses and workshops that support the professional development needs of area K-12 teachers

2. Discussion Items

Overview and history of the AAEE program @ NPC presented by Claude Endfield and Dick Heimann.

Dick Heimann asked "How can we be more innovative to increase enrollment and retention of students"?

Emerging needs were discussed in relationship to enrollment and recruiting, The need to cultivate excellent teachers who are familiar with the culture of rural northeastern Arizona, and issues regarding advisement, advertisement, placement scores and math instruction were discussed.

Mr. Ron Squire presented information relative to the Carl Perkins Grant.

Meeting Changed venue at 6:30pm and discussion and networking continued at Eva's restaurant over dinner.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2007