

Kayenta Community Outreach Meeting

April 27, 2010

Northland Pioneer College-Kayenta Center held their annual community outreach meeting on April 27, 2010 at the Kayenta Center.

Present: Dr. Jeannie Swarhout, President
Mark Vest, Vice President
Eric Bishop, Information Services
Lorraine Benally, Center Manager-Kayenta
Myrtle Dayzie-Grey, Academic Advisor
Calandra Walker, TLC Learning Aide
David Shondee, Council Delegate-Kayenta Chapter
Donna Luna, Kayenta Shelter Home Representative
Cecelia Luci Tree, Community Member
Clyde McBride, KUSD
Phyllis Begay, Dine College
Francine Little, Dine College
Darlene Chester, Peabody Western Coal
Sonjia Jones, Northern Arizona University Extended Campus
Lillian R. Smith, Community Member
Charley Smith, Community Member

Northland Pioneer College Students : Brandy Begay, Victoria Beck, Chadd Holiday, Brenda J. Price, Javan Tsosie, Jennifer Pablo, Xaviera Tenakhongva, Melissa Smith, Heavenor Salt

Kayenta Center Update: Lorraine Benally, Center Manager reported that FTSE at the Kayenta Center is down. Reason: Lack of certified instructors for science, college level math, English composition and we have been unable to get the enrollment required for a full class by cut day. We absolutely have no science classes. We have been transporting students to Hopi Center so our students can fulfill their science requirements. The CNA course being offered in Chinle has been a popular class. FTSE should be back up in the fall with the new instructors that were recently recruited. With the statewide budget cut we have had our challenges in the operation of the center. Kayenta has 13 graduates this includes student that are receiving certificates of proficiency. Kayenta Center participates in the reading and math program to employee Federal Work-study students at Kayenta Primary School and Kayenta Community School. Center Manager acknowledges Myrtle Dayzie-Grey, Academic Advisor and Calandra Walker, Learning Assistant for their help in the operation of the Kayenta Center. Center Manager also reported that the students will be affected by the closure of summer session. Not all students have access to a computer or internet. This will cause students not to be prepared financially due to not being able to do their financial aid on line during the summer months. Recently high school graduates would not be able to take advantage of the scholarship offered by Northland Pioneer College.

Overview of HLC Accreditation and Findings: President Dr. Jeannie Swarthout reported that Northland Pioneer College met the standards and expectations established by the accreditation of the Higher Learning Commission of Northern Central Associations. Northland Pioneer College was granted another ten years and no commission findings for corrections.

Summary of Current NPC Budget Status: President Dr. Jeannie Swarthout reported that due to state budget cuts Northland Pioneer College had to close down Heber Center. She reassured the community members and students that none of the reservation site will be closed.

Highlights in Instruction: Vice President Mark Vest reported that due to insecurity of state budget, new programs or new things been not been done for fear of funding. Budget challenges heavily reliant of technology in classes, video, audio, and online. Improvement of technology makes classes better. We will be experimenting with Adobe connection in the fall. This will allow you to contact advisor if Myrtle isn't available to advise. Possibly a 3rd channel of classes. Tuition rate going up by \$4 per credit hour. Student will pay for all credits hours, the 3-7 credit hour will no longer apply. On-site Bookstore has been closed and replaced with ebookstore. Textbooks will now be purchased online by students with this new ebookstore students will be able to some rent textbooks and some can be downloaded onto laptops those are some of the benefits of our online bookstore.

Strategic Plan: President Swarthout reported that our strategic plan is a rolling strategic plan: hearing needs, concern, grips about what' wrong, community has a voice. Northland Pioneer College covers huge college district, 2nd largest in the state.

Community Input: Questions, recommendations, concerns were discussed throughout the entire meeting.

1. CNA program should be in Kayenta ... already registering and testing in Kayenta for those Chinle students.
2. Clyde McBride (CTE rep. from Monument Valley High School) still no change north of I-40. Working with Yavapai and Eastern Az College and with NATIVE because we're not doing it. Need lots of nurses. We need to work together; Dean Richie won't go north of I-40. Should have CNA and ADN program in Kayenta as well as agri-science. Work on dual enrollment with Monument Valley. Allied health (lab issues), sports medicine.
3. Who are the principal players – politicians, county commissioners above I-40.
4. Talked about providing a letter of support for keeping Kayenta open in summer.
5. Classes for veterans suggested to help them transition to civilian life; they have skills but no profession. Could be funded by "Helmets to Hard Hats"? which is a department of labor program.
6. Building for Kayenta facility – more enrollment means more space. Kayenta school consolidation may mean they abandon a school and offer it to Dine and NPC.
7. Much discussion about Dine as tribal provider and NPC's position that we will not violate tribal wishes without written permission from Dine. Kayenta community bashed Dine at some length.

Dine should release all CTE to NPC. Should have a Peabody program that takes kids through NATIVE to NPC/Dine.

8. How do we move the cart? How do we give Kayenta a chance to grow?