

Student & Family Resource Center — COLLABORATIVE MINUTES

Wednesday, March 15th, 2017 3:30-5:00pm @ OHS Career Center

Attendance:

 $\label{eq:local_problem} \mbox{Alexandra Falk} - \mbox{UC Cooperative Extension, Nutrition Program} \\ \mbox{Coordinator}$

April Hine — GCOE, Friday Night Live Coordinator Bill Wathen — HHSA, Deputy Director, Social Services Brenda Rodriguez — Butte College, Recruitment & Outreach Technician

Erika Fuentes — OUSD, Board President Esther Rosario — OUSD, Consultant Jeff Aguiar — OUSD, Board Member Jenna Johnson — GCOE, Mental Health Clinician Jennifer Cox — OUSD, Psychologist
Jhan Duhn — GCOE, Learning Center Principal
Joana Castañeda — OUSD, TWI Consultant
John McDermott — First Care Medical Associates, FNP
Jona Pressman — UC Cooperative Extension, Nutrition Education

Program
Kelsey Adkins — First 5, Behaviorist/MFT
Ken Geisick — OUSD, Superintendent
Linda Shoutz — HHSA Social Services, Eligibility Specialist III
Maria Elena Vidal — Migrant Ed., Family Support Paraprofessional
Melissa Stearns — CSU Chico, CHC Manager
Michelle Allen — OUSD, Board Member

Richard Warren — Sherriff's Department, Sherriff/Coroner
Robin Smith — GCOE, Foster Youth Coordinator
Sepon Instepanyan — OUSD, Food Service Manager
Tana Aguiar — OUSD, Career Center Aide
Tina Day — Butte College, Learning Resource Specialist
Froylan Mendoza — Educator
Esteban Peña — OUSD, Student Volunteer
Lizette Peña — OUSD, Student Volunteer
Kate Sheehy — Chico Sol, Immigration Information Fair Panelist

Leslie Leyton — Chico Sol, Immigration Information Fair Panelist

Maria Parra - OHS Student, Immigration Information Fair Panelist

Neli Peña — OUSD, SFRC Secretary

Welcome & Introductions	 All members introduced themselves. OHS students, Lizzy Peña and Esteban Peña were welcomed and thanked. Sepon Istepanyan, Manager of OUSD Food Services along with OUSD provided parfaits, cookies and water. 				
Collaborative Activity	 Interactive Activity (Speed Dating) ■ Dr. Geisick facilitated activity with members that focused on immigration. Members shared the following questions with each other. ■ #1 — How might the current immigration issues effect a student in any public education system? ■ #2 — How might the current climate effect the workforce of our community? ■ #3 — How does your organization engage with families of our community? ■ #4 — How would/could you support an immigration family today? ■ Some of the responses to these questions were as follows: ■ No milk, no veggies. ■ Workforce going to get cut. ■ Some families can't concentrate due to worrying about basics. ■ Be open and honest with what's happening. ■ Doing a lot of listening, provide resources. ■ After the activity two reflection questions were asked: ■ #1 — What question comes to mind after this activity? ■ #2 — What questions do you hope to find answers to? ■ Some of the responses to these questions were as follows: ■ Reduction in funding, workers and food economy. ■ Financial Aid in college / mis-information / Dream Act. ■ Families are living in fear. Long term dropout rate. ■ How can we help with fears they do have? A lot of fears are of things that aren't even happening. Being reactive vs. proactive. ■ Getting facts/truth. ■ What position will Orland USD & law enforcement take? 				
SFRC Service Data Report	 Esther shared the Service Data Report with members. Esther shared information about the flyers provided to everyone and the snacks. 				



Here's	What's	New	-	Partner	
Share					

- Esther Rosario opened meeting up to members to report new information:
 - Richard Warren -Reported the County Board of Supervisors approved the resolution to move forward with the national initiative "Stepping Up to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illness in Jails", as a call to action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in county jails, while encouraging county officials, employees, and residents to participate in the Stepping Up program.
 - Joana Castañeda The Spanish radio station 97.7 will broadcast the Orland Two Way Immersion Program and informational meeting.
 - April Hine Glenn County Youth Council received a \$6000 grant. Students are working with a videographer to create a video focused on 'Betting on our Future'.

Why is Immigration Important to Our Community" Panel Discussion

- Esther Rosario introduced members of the Panel.
 - Leslie Hayton Immigration Information Fair Planning committee member, Editor for ChicoSol, border-crossing journalism from the Sacramento valley.
 - Kate Sheehy Journalist at Chico Sol. Worked in Central America, Arizona, and Nevada as Investigative reporter,
 - Erika Fuentes Orland USD Board President, social services professional and parent. HRA employee. During her youth, accompanied her mother during immigration clinics and assisted with translation.
 - Maria Parra Senior at Orland High School. Has one older brother in the Marines and 2 younger ones. Her parents and other family members made appointments to see an attorney at the Immigration Information Fair.
- * Kate Sheehey and Leslie Layton introduced a presentation. "Immigrant Needs are the Needs of the Community" (power point attached) that laid out current policy and facts describing immigrant trends nationally, statewide and locally. Jeff Aguiar asked the source of the information. Kate indicated much of the data was from the Pew Research Center.
- The conversations between the panel and collaborative members were both powerful and informative as issues that many of the Orland families face and how as leaders can respond.
- Each panel member expressed how they are affected by the current immigration climate.
 - Erika Fuentes She's affected. Her kids come home and are concerned about their friends. She's in the process of becoming the legal guardian of the children of a family she knows in case the parents get deported (Power of Attorney letter). She's happy that the SFRC provides a safe place for families that have questions/needs.
 - Maria Parra She's been able to come to the SFRC with her family and take advantage of the resources provided and meetings/trainings it offers. It's important for people to be informed. Her family came to the United States in hopes of providing them a better future and education. She plans on going to college and become a Medical Assistant. This topic comes up a lot in class. Some students say rude comments. Maria said maybe doing a club/group on campus to join and talk about it would help.
 - Members offered ideas to better support students and families such as:
 - Teachers/principals and law enforcement employees might come together and show their support.
 - Should Orland USD establish itself as a sanctuary place? Or the City of Orland?
 - Provide more opportunities to provide information and facts related to immigration to students and community.
 - Parents feel fortunate the Student & Family Resource Center is a safe place to seek information and support.
- Members expressed concern over rumors of ICE raids, undocumented law abiding citizens living in fear and how schools will ensure students are safe.
- Richard Warren, Glenn County Sherriff's Department said that sometimes people post/share that ICE is in town but it's not necessarily true. We all need to be careful when we share this type of information when it hasn't been verified. Sherriff Warren further stated that if raids are happening in this community, he and Chief Tolle are here to keep the community safe. The least they want is for people to be afraid of them or feel unsecure to be out in the community. Ice is only going after the undocumented that have committed a crime. ICE should inform local law enforcement if they are in town, but as of today, no information has been provided.
- Members agreed student safety was important and taking action such as the Immigration Information Fair was very productive and important.

Reflection & Closing

Thanks to everyone that attended and supports this effort (vocally/openly or not). We love seeing new faces as well!