

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
Of San Luis Obispo County

YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES (REVISED)

Date: Wednesday, January 09, 2013

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Business and Career Center, 880 Industrial Way, San Luis Obispo

Present: Patrick McGuire, Sandra Bourbon, Jim Salio, Matthew Green, Tracy Schiro, Domenic Santangelo, Celena Malarkey, Charles Headington, Chris Cronan,

Excused:

Staff: Reva Bear, Sandra Hernandez,

Guest: Jennifer Kim, Marci Powers, Sara Kennedy

Call to Order

Chair Patrick McGuire called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Public Comment/Announcements:

None at this time.

Consent Items:

3.1 Approval of October 10, 2012 meeting minutes.

Motion: Jim Salio

Second: Matthew Green

Motion Passed Unanimously

Information/Discussion/Action Items:

4.1 Youth Board Member Nominations – The board is asked to approve the appointment of Nikita, an In-School-Youth to the Youth Council Board. Section 117 (h) of the Workforce Investment Act outlines criteria for membership on the Youth Council of the Workforce Investment Board (WIB). Nikita, a minor youth, is a senior in high school and enrolled in the WIA program as an in-school youth. Nikita's goals for participation on the Youth Council will be to serve as a voice for youth and gain knowledge of resources available to local youth. The Youth Council currently has a vacancy in the "in-school" youth category and the appointment of Nikita will satisfy this seat.

Motion: Jim Salio

Second: Matthew Green

Motion Passed Unanimously

4.2 PY 11-12 Leadership Project: Changing Lenses – Celena Malarkey presented the board with a viewing of the movie "SYUXTON." This viewing included short parts of the final film as well as interviews of the youth involved in the writing, acting and production of the movie. The film has been nominated for consideration at the SLO International Film Festival. An RFQ was put out to other film companies with the intention of providing an additional youth leadership and guidance counseling program which also includes work experience and skills/trades in the film industry.

4.3 Youth Strategies: Reva Bear presented handouts to the board members showing the Final Youth WIA Performance Results. Prior to Cuesta College being the WIA Youth Provider, the program was mostly an on-line, self-paced work exposure curriculum. The program served approximately 40 youth per year, with most being carried over for multiple years. The State negotiates our performance outcomes with the Department of Labor and the handout provided shows a significant increase in performance. This performance measure include whether the youth graduates, enters military, post secondary or work, and if they are basic skills deficient, they gain one grade level in numeracy and literacy. WIA performance measures are shown over 100% based on the calculations used by the state, where attaining 80% of the goal is considered 100%.

Attainment and literacy /numeracy have increased with high at risk youth due to an excellent youth program and the inclusion of the John Muir Charter School. Nineteen youth are currently on the roster of the John Muir Charter School and two have graduated since October with their GED diploma.

The State California Workforce Investment Board recently passed their strategic plan which aligns with the Governors goals which articulates goals for youth. A two page handout was given to board members outlining the scoring rubric that the state will use for scoring when SLO County WIA submits our strategic plan which is due July 1, 2013. Reva Bear went over each item on the list, asking for input from the board in the areas of; Ideas, Partners and Next Steps, that they felt should be in addition to the priorities already included by the state. The board discussed the need to produce an inventory of all existing high school programs and re-engage already existing programs. The board was in agreement with all items presented by the state but wanted to include the addition of the Anti-Gang Commission to the organization / bodies designed to guide and inform an integrated vision for serving youth in the region. The board also agreed that there are unique special needs of our region which include: Transportation, housing, childcare/flexibility and the geographic layout of the area for programs. Discussion continued on how to engage businesses to hire youth once they have left the programs.

Matthew Green informed the board that on February 27, 2013 from 5 to 7 p.m, Vanessa Diffenbaugh, the New York Times best-selling author of 2013's Book of the Year, "The Language of Flowers." would be available for a free reception, lecture and book signing at the Cultural and Performing Arts Center on the San Luis Obispo campus. Book of the Year is presented in partnership with SLO County Public Libraries SLO Reads Program.

Patrick McGuire informed the board that funds were available for one more board member to attend the California Workforce Association Youth Conference 2013, scheduled for January 15 – 17, 2013.

Future Agenda Items/New Business:

Next meeting: April 10, 2013
4:00 – 5:00 PM
Business and Career Center
880 Industrial Way, San Luis Obispo, 3rd Floor

Adjournment:
Meeting was adjourned at 5:19 PM