Gavilan Regional ACES

Consortium Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2022 Meeting

In attendance: Randy Brown (Gavilan Joint Community College District), Shannon Lane (Morgan Hill Unified School District), Greg Camacho-Light (Gilroy Unified School District), and Kristen Arps (Interim Consortium Director)

1. Meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. (quorum reached with 3 out of 4 Members represented)
2. Current Topics:
   1. Announcements
      1. Kristen Arps has informed us that she will no longer be able to serve as the Interim Director for ACES due to a new position she is taking at Hartnell College.
      2. Randy spoke to a new candidate to serve as an interim director for ACES named Aidee Farias. Shannon, Greg, and Elaine will meet with her to interview. A vote to approve her will take place at the 2/15/22 meeting.
      3. Randy has announced he is retiring May 2022.
      4. Upcoming deadlines:
         1. Member Q2 Expense Report in NOVA: January 31, 2022 certification.
   2. Deliverables
      1. 3-Year Plan due to the state by June 20, 2022.
      2. Discussed needs and goals:
         1. Adult School Members identified large percentages of high school freshman and sophomores who are currently failing or off track, which could impact the Adult Schools. This may cause a high demand for classes at the adult schools as they need to make up credits. Need to prepare for that impact.
         2. Discussed the impacts of COVID, both negative and positive. Need to start advertising more to inform the community that our programs are open.
         3. GUSD looking for a K-12 school to serve as a more official adult school site and a community center. Can develop/leverage partnerships to provide non-academic services at the adult schools so they can serve as community hubs (as Morgan Hill has started doing). There may be an opportunity to leverage high schoolers that have to do community service hours (e.g. for food distribution).
3. Partner updates:
   1. Shannon will order additional tables for a room that is being remodeled into a multipurpose space and will be used on Saturdays to offer classes and services to the community. Looking for an ESL instructor, she has 30 students waitlisted. Has been advertising with signage in both English and Spanish.
   2. Greg has a new counselor for his Adult Ed program and is working on setting up a work plan for her. No hotspots available for students from District anymore. Need basic computer literacy support for students.
4. Meeting dates and times:
   1. Changed to third Tuesday of every month at 4:00-5:00.
   2. Upcoming meetings: February 15, and March 15, 2022, April 19, 2022, May 17, 2022
5. Meeting adjourned at 12:03pm

Minutes prepared by Dora Mendoza and Kristen Arps