

**Metropolitan Education Commission  
Executive Board Meeting  
MEC Office, 930 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ.  
Thursday, March 26, 2015, 7:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Members present: Dr. Kasey Urquidez, Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Bill Ardern, Pat Wiedhopf, Paul Lovelis, Dr. Louis Albert, George Favela

Non-members present: Felicia Ramirez, David Rodriguez, Edward Nossem.

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

**2.0 ROLL CALL – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ**

Roll call was conducted; a quorum was established.

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was recited by all attendees.

**4.0 APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 25, 2015 MEETING MINUTES – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ**

Motion to approve: George Favela

Second: Bill Ardern

Motion approved unanimously.

**5.0 APPROVAL OF APRIL 15, 2015 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Motion: George Favela

Second: Pat Wiedhopf

Motion carried unanimously.

**6.0 MEC FUNDRAISING – DR. JUNE WEBB-VIGNERY**

Sunnyside Public Information Office is printing fundraising envelopes that will be distributed on the Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon tables for attendees to make contributions; Nancy Montoya will follow her video presentation with an appeal for donations.

Dr. Webb-Vignery has been in consultation with Ben Olsen from Prescott College regarding an Americorp grant that the City of Tucson has applied for; this is in conjunction with Communities in Schools, the United Way Cradle to Career initiative, and the Mayor's office. Dr. Webb-Vignery raised the RCAC and the Student Ambassadors, and UA College Advisors as a possible component of the grant, and Mr. Olsen has indicated that the MEC is a partner in the grant. They are going to write a grant requesting Vista volunteers on campus. Amanda Kucich at United Way has contacted Linda Jensen at AzCAN to strike a data-sharing agreement. The grant is a two year grant, \$600,000 per year, of which \$200,000 will go to the City.

## 7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **7.1 Collaborations – Dr. June Webb-Vignery**

We have had a request from the AZ Out-of-School Program, who visited Council Member Regina Romero to discuss the Support Growing Stronger Together Guidelines for After School Programs, who suggested that the MEC look into collaborating with them. Paul Lovlis volunteered to review the Guidelines and make recommendations.

The Girl Scouts of America and YWCA will inaugurate a new program in August to prevent child sexual abuse.

Motion to support YMCA/Girl Scouts of America Movement to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse: Pat Wiedhopf

Second: George Favela

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Support Growing Stronger Together Guidelines for After School Programs: Bill Ardern

Second: Paul Lovelis

Motion carried unanimously.

### **7.2 Budget - Bill Ardern**

The MEC's cash reserves are intact; we must focus on funding for the next fiscal year. We will be requesting funding extension from the Helios Education Foundation for the RCAC.

### **7.3 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon – Dr. June Webb-Vignery**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon will take place on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel. We have 23 tables at present. Mary Veres at Sunnyside USD Multimedia has agreed to print the event programs and provide 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banners, as well as print donation envelopes for Student Ambassadors that will be placed on the tables at the event. The venue holds 39 tables.

### **7.4 Issues – Pat Wiedhopf**

The MEC Commissioners agreed at the March 18, 2015 meeting to allow the Executive Board to move forward on drafting Resolutions supporting the Arizona Legislature's restoral of funding for both JTED and K-20 public education.

Motion to support a Resolution Regarding the Severe Cuts in the 2016-2017 Arizona Budget to Career & Technical Education (CTE) Courses in JTED

Motion: Paul Lovelis

Second: Pat Wiedhopf

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to support a Resolution regarding AZ State Fiscal Year Funding for K-20 Education: George Favela

Second: Dr. Louis Alert

Motion carried unanimously.

### **7.5 RCAC – David Rodriguez**

David Rodriguez has been working with the targeted high schools. Activities also include financial aid for Arizona Assurance, and the Pima County Library System Summer Test Prep for ACT and SAT, which is a free service.

Nancy Montoya has secured a sponsorship from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to fund a Student Ambassador, and is contacting other Chambers for additional support.

**7.6 Appointments – Paul Lovelis**

Sheri Dahl, representing the Religious Community, has resigned; JoAnn Sayre, representing Accredited Private Institutions has also resigned. We also need 2 TREO appointees.

**7.7 YAC/TTC – Paul Lovelis**

Mayor Rothschild will be attending both the MEC and YAC/TTC meetings on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. We will request that YAC/TTC members and Student Ambassadors attend the MEC meeting to explain their role in the high schools.

For the YAC/TTC meeting, a slide show will be prepared outlining the year's activities, starting with the presence of students from the various school districts at the August 2014 MEC Retreat, the Teen Town Hall, and Student Advocacy Day. June will do the text and Paul will construct a slide show.

The YAC/TTC is once again partnering with the LULAC YLC & Career Fair, which will take place on Friday, March 27, 2015 at PCC West Campus, and its other regular activities. LULAC YLC Chair Javier Herrera and Rene Pacheco attended the last YAC/TTC meeting to solicit ideas for YLC Workshops. A YAC/TTC Committee has choosing the Crystal Apple Counselor and Youth Honorees, the Outstanding Teen Citizens, and will select the Goal One: Graduate! Poster winners this coming Saturday.

**7.8 Key to Employment Symposium – Ed Nossem**

We have secured the UA Student Union for Wednesday, February 3, 2016 for the 2016 K2E event.

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ**

Motion to Adjourn: George Favela

Second: Bill Ardern

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.