

**PPEP TEC HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
PPEP TEC High School Administrative Office
Via Zoom Meeting and Conference Call
1840 E Benson Highway
Tucson, AZ 85714**

March 1, 2023
6:30 PM

MINUTES

Notice

A notice of this meeting was posted at the PPEP TEC High School Administration Office, 1840 E. Benson Highway, Tucson, Arizona; the PPEP & Affiliates, Inc. Main Office, 802 E. 46th Street, Tucson, Arizona; the PPEP NFJP / DOL / Behavioral Health Office, 901 E. 46th St., Tucson, AZ; **February 24, 2023**

In Attendance-Board via Zoom Meeting

Gertha Brown-Hurd, Board President
Maria Chavez, Board Member
Arnold Palacios, Board Member
Hector Sanchez, Board Secretary (via telephone)

In Attendance -Administration via Zoom Meeting

Dr. John Arnold, PPEP Inc CEO
Wayne Tucker, PTHS Superintendent
Linda Garcia, PTHS Recruitment & Retention Coordinator
Jake Herrington, PPEP Inc Property & Maintenance

Not In Attendance

Dr. Celestino Fernandez, Board Member
Dr. Yvonne Perez, Board Member

In Attendance-Public via Zoom Meeting

Ana Guerreo- Pima County Health Department
Noel Valle-Pima County Health Department

Call to Order

Madam President Gertha Brown Hurd calls the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Superintendent Wayne Tucker leads rollcall via zoom. All board members that are present for this meeting, acknowledge their attendance with a response of “here” or “present” including board secretary Hector Sanchez via phone and a quorum is confirmed.

Old Business

I. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of October 3, 2022– Action Item

The motion is made to approve the minutes of October 3, 2022, meeting by board member, Maria Chaves, and seconded by board member Arnold Palacios. President Brown-Hurd, Member Chavez, Member Palacios and Member Sanchez vote in affirmative. Member Perez and Member Fernandez are not present; the motion is carried.

II. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of October 13, 2022 -Action Item

The motion is made to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2022, meeting by board member Maria Chavez and seconded by board member Arnold Palacios. President Brown-

Hurd, Member Chavez, Member Palacios and Member Sanchez vote in affirmative. Member Perez and Member Fernandez are not present; the motion is carried.

New Business

III. Board Approval of Cesar Chavez Learning Center location change to 850 San Luis Plaza Dr. – Action Item

Superintendent, Wayne Tucker, addresses to the board that the plan is to move into the new building at the beginning of the upcoming school year. Mr. Tucker explains that although the new building has been approved by the PPEP Inc. board and the PTHS governing Board has actually visited the site, there has yet to be an action item by PTHS Governing Board to approve the address change. Board President, Gertha Brown-Hurd asks the proximity of the current location to the new location. Mr. Tucker answers that it is roughly half a mile, and it is closer to downtown and PPEP Park.

The motion is made to approve the Cesar Chavez Learning Center location change by board member Arnold Palacios and seconded by board member Maria Chavez. President Brown-Hurd, Member Chavez, Member Palacios and Member Sanchez vote in affirmative. Member Perez and Member Fernandez are not present; the motion is carried.

IV. Review and Approval of Updated SPED Policies And Procedures – Action Item

V. Review and Approval of Pima County Health Department Reproductive Health Curriculum – Action Item

Mr. Tucker explains that this curriculum is different than the one previously shown to the board for Pinal County.

Ana Guerro from Pima County Health Department Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program shares her screen with the board to begin the presentation. The curriculum is called “Cuidate” which translates to take care of yourself. Cuidate is a culturally and evidence-based absence plus curriculum designed for youth ages thirteen to eighteen years of age. Any youth under the age of eighteen will need parental consent to be able to attend the course. With Cuidate, the importance of abstinence is emphasized. The goal of the curriculum is for youth to acquire correct and reliable information about risks and diseases, develop attitudes that support safe decision-making, and build skills to be able to abstain from sex. Cuidate has proven to increase abstinence and protective sex and decrease number of sexual partners. Six module curriculums with each module being from sixty to ninety minutes. Which use DVD, games, music, and poetry to help keep the youth engaged with an additional introduction to adolescent development which go over physical competent and gender identity. The curriculum is started by explaining how the youth are developing overall before talking and introducing sexual health and abstinence.

The motion is made to approve the Pima County Health Department Reproductive Health Curriculum by board member Maria Chavez and seconded by board member Arnold Palacios. President Brown-Hurd, Member Chavez, Member Palacios and Member Sanchez vote in affirmative. Member Perez and Member Fernandez are not present; the motion is carried.

VI. Review and Approval of Pima County Health Department CONTACT project use of premises agreement. – Action Item

Noel Valle from the Pima County Health Department begins presenting to the board about the teen mobile clinic. The clinic has been in existence in Pima County since 1997 in different capacities. At first it was working with homeless youth and providing them basic and reproductive health care. In 2007, the Sunnyside Unified School District approached Pima County to help address the teen pregnancy issue that was high at the time. Because of this use of premises program they began providing services at the high schools.

The program provided family planning, resource services for youth who were sexually active but also because they are Title X funded, all persons of reproductive age receive health education and reproductive health services to prevent unplanned pregnancies or STI's. The program evolved from those high schools to five other charter schools and in 2018 they did a presentation in front of the Tucson Unified School District, and they were able to provide services to all the high schools in their district.

The goal of Project Contact mobile clinic is to promote healthy sexual behavior and reduce the incidence of unplanned pregnancies and STI. When a youth approaches the mobile, they check in with the school contact and there they get a pass to go to the mobile. From there they receive a list of the services provided and many times they get young teenagers around the ages of fourteen and fifteen that are possibly thinking of becoming sexually active and are looking for information of what we provide and how to keep themselves safe. They provide comprehensive reproductive health education and information. They have had recurring patients and some even transition from the mobile clinic to the building clinic. The mobile clinic also provides counseling and referrals, STD and HIV testing, condoms, and other health services. Parent permission is not required to provide services however it is stressed that teens should be able to talk to their parents or guardians about the decisions they are making or asking any questions that they might have. They have a hotline for the youth to call after hours as needed. They do STD testing via urine samples, throat swabs, and blood draw. Birth control methods include condoms, birth control pills, depo-provera shot, Nexplanon, and emergency contraception, and IUD but those are done at the building clinic.

Project Contact has spread throughout the Sunnyside and Tucson Unified District and to thirteen charter schools in Pima County. Mr. Valle shows the board how the mobile clinic. The pandemic has impacted the amount of people they see in a year. During the pandemic, chlamydia increased from adolescence up to retirees. The clinic will provide services to prevent the spread of the most common STIs. For many of the schools, they come in as guest presenters first to talk about reproductive health and other information and all the services they provide.

Mr. Valle opens up the floor for questions from the board. President, Gertha Brown-Hurd comments that a mobile clinic is a great idea because that may be the only way teens seek medical assistance. Mr. Valles reiterates that he has seen teens start in the mobile clinic and continue to receive medical assistance as adults in the building clinic.

Member, Maria Chavez, comments to the good quality of the equipment on the mobile clinic and asks if the program reaches other counties but Mr. Valle answers that this specific program is only in Pima County. Board President, Gertha Brown-Hurd, adds that it

The motion is made to approve the Pima County Health Department CONTACT project use of premises agreement by board member Maria Chavez and seconded by board member

Arnold Palacios. President Brown-Hurd, Member Chavez, Member Palacios and Member Sanchez vote in affirmative. Member Perez and Member Fernandez are not present; the motion is carried.

VII. Review and Approval of the Safe Return to School Plan -Action Item

Superintendent, Wayne Tucker, explains to the board that this is a component of the ESSER plan. It is required for the ESSER funds received to have a safe return to school plan that it is submitted to the state and must be reviewed and approved by the board every six months. This plan has not significantly changed from the previous plan with the exception that face masks are no longer required unless somebody is exhibiting symptoms of any sickness. This should be the last time this will be brought up due to the stipulation being that it would be up to this school year.

Board member, Maria Chavez, asks if it is the same as previously approved and Mr. Tucker reiterates that the only significant change is regarding face masks.

The motion is made to approve the Safe Return to School Plan by board Member Maria Chavez and seconded by board member Arnold Palacios. President Brown-Hurd, Member Chavez, Member Palacios and Member Sanchez vote in affirmative. Member Perez and Member Fernandez are not present; the motion is carried.

Miscellaneous

VIII. PTHS Updates-

PTHS Recruitment & Retention Coordinator, Linda Garcia, presents to the board updates on the schools. Pre-enrollments have begun for the upcoming school year. The schools have been encouraging the currently enrolled students to re-enroll for the fall as well as reaching out to the community to new potential students. Part of the pre-enrollment campaign is setting goals for the schools and the goals are at or higher than previous years because we have been incrementally increasing our enrollments steadily and the schools are capable to continue in that direction. Cesar Chavez Learning center has fifty pre-enrollments from currently enrolled students. The schools have incentives to encourage students and parents to pre-enroll such as raffles, pushing the refer-a-friend program, and a contest between the schools-whichever school that receives more pre-enrollments will be featured in the PPEP Tec commercial running this summer.

Linda Garcia, then shows the board the rendering of the new Cesar Chavez Learning Center. The drawing is being used for campaigns and ads. Board member, Maria Chavez asks about the capacity of the new building and PPEP Inc Property, Insurance and Transportation, Jake Harrington, answers that the original capacity 175 students but now the new student maximum will be 184. The capacity for the school itself is 204 with 20 of that is counting the staff. Linda adds that is the reason enrollment was increased at the San Luis campus to fill that capacity and to have a waiting list. This week ten thousand post cards will be mailed out to the community there. Linda also arranged for half of the post cards be mailed out to the agricultural communities to the border of California and Arizona as many families migrate from states throughout the year. Also, we are in the process of designing an electronic billboard for the Mexican side for any of our families that are moving to the United States or travel back and forth. They are also working on social media commercials

such as YouTube, and streaming services and TV commercials. There will be a separate electronic billboard for the Jose Yopez Learning Center that will be used in July as well as bus stop advertising. For Celestino Fernandez Learning Center, there will be radio promotion and a possible spread in “Hola Tucson” magazine. There will also be a district wide campaign over the summer. Linda shows the board the postcard and mentions everything that is being promoted on the postcard such as the alternative school schedule a QR code that will take them directly to the website.

Continuing with the presentation, Linda Garcia, talks about the direct care worker certification program at the Cesar Chavez and Jose Yopez Learning Centers. The students attend on Fridays and work a seven-hour day for the next few months in order to have the appropriate learning time to earn their certifications and once it is completed they can move on to earning a certified nurse’s aide certification and go into a nursing program. The program is free of cost, and it is working with the Rural Center for Border Health which is based in Somerton. Linda witnessed the students attending the program on a recent visit and the instructor told her that all the students had passed their exams that day.

In February, there was a LULAC fundraiser in Tucson called “Strikes for Scholars” and students from Tucson and Douglas, as well as two youth programs, parents, and PPEP staff attend. The students have done two fundraising events and they have raise seven thousand dollars for the LULCA scholarship. For every dollar, LULAC will match sixty cents. At the Colin Powell Learning Center, they have a free mobile dental clinic that students and parents can use. Linda shows the board pictures of activities that the students have done such as the San Luis soccer and their enrollment fair.

Board members, Arnold Palacios and Maria Chavez, comment on how it is a smart move to reach further into the community for San Luis. Maria Chavez will connect the director of the farmworker’s coalition with Linda.

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Call to the Public-This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01 (H), action taken because of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

Adjourn-Board member President Gertha Brown Hurd

Board member Hector Sanchez moves to adjourn the meeting, member Palacios seconds. President Brown-Hurd, Member Chavez, Member Palacios and Member Sanchez vote in affirmative. Member Perez and Member Fernandez are not present; the motion is carried.

Meeting adjourned at