



Arizona Department of Education

Native American Dropout Prevention Workgroup Meeting (NADPI)

May 19, 2008

2005 N Central Avenue, 4th Floor Conference Room (400/420)

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome – Debora Norris
2. Introductions – Leon Oosahwe
ADE Staff: Bonnie Talakte, Debora Norris, Leon Oosahwe, & Justin Hernandez
 - Introduction of Current and New Participants – Fred Ferreira – San Carlos Education, David Reede – San Carlos Tribe, Tara Frank – Alchesay HS DOP Councilor/NADPI, - Catherine Steele – San Carlos Tribe, Fred Hubbard – Advisory Council on Indian Health Care, Henry Begay – MCCD, Craig Brandow – SCHS Native American Dropout Prevention, Matthias Lupe – Youth Liaison, Lenny Dempsey – Pascua Yaqui Ed. Dept., Ken Poocha – ACIA, Terry Antonio – NADPI San Carlos
3. NADPI Education Summit Wrap-Up, Year Three Plans – Bonnie Talakte, Tara Frank, and Craig Brandow
 - Education Summit April 24th – 1st day was the youth conference 150 students attended, 2nd day 70 people attended, received a lot of great feedback.
 - Debora Norris/Dr. Ben presentation – How to stretch your dollars for Indian Ed. Complying with new ELL laws, and the talking circle – the presentation went well, had a great turnout, and people were interested.
 - Fred Hubbard – Facilitate discussion with council. The right people showed up to this workshop and the people attending were interested in the topic.
 - Leondro Garcia – Detention Center
 - Linda Gushoney – Support Relations Coordinator
 - Alice McHudeg – Apache Behavior Health
 - Cindy Katogay – Apache Behavior Health
 - The above name would be good contacts.
 - There is a need to meet and review the Truancy Code documents for Whiteriver and revise it.
4. San Carlos Recommendations –
 - a. Do you agree with NADPI recommendations
 - b. What are the causes of Absenteeism
 - c. Has the tribe effectively addressed attendance and enforced it.

- San Carlos – Tribal council session went very well and the tribal council has passed a truancy code that is under a 30 day review for any suggestion.
- 5. Tara Frank presented her update for Alchesay HS, and Craig Brandow presented the update for San Carlos HS.
- 6. Talked about Parent Roles and how everything comes back to the structure of the family and how this is the key support that needs to be there for students
 - a. The Family has to come together
- 7. Suggestions for tracking the native American Students – Tracking students would make it easier to track transfers and see where a student is at anytime, also the transfer of information between agencies.
 - a. Health-E – is a way that health care professional track people, maybe there is a way to mimic their program to help benefit the tribes and schools.
- 8. Find different programs that help bridge student progress like the: ACE program, or Hoop of Learning.
 - a. Henry Begay said he would like to do a presentation on the ACE program to show people a little more about it.