

## **OYA ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**March 24, 2016**

**3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Mary Ann Dewan, Gerry Lopez, Joe Herrity, Sara Reyes, John Hogan, Jamie Wang, Steve Olmos, Mariel Caballero, Marie-Christine Busque, Laurie Pianka, Elizabeth Alvarez

Location: Cupertino Room

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1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Overview of OYA: three sites currently with one to come
  - a. The Hub: 76 students (full capacity); creating waitlist
  - b. Washington Community Center: 37 daily program (capacity for 30-40 more), 37 for independent study program (at capacity)
  - c. Gilroy: 50+ (capacity for another 20), capacity for 20
  - d. Milpitas: capacity for 50 (anticipate opening in next week or two)
4. Navigators/SIF Update:
  - a. Navigators are doing needs assessment with students.
  - b. Built caseload for SIF navigators.
  - c. Social Opportunity Works: 3 educational navigators (1.5 FTE) - full time at The Hub, half time at Gilroy
5. Marketing:
  - a. What we've done:
    - i. SCCOE and Facebook pages up and running
    - ii. Bus line advertising
    - iii. KNTV Channel 11 piece on OYA in Spanish and English
    - iv. Yvette Irving & Gerry Lopez will be presenting at La Rasa Roundtable Meeting: 100 Latino leaders and district, business representatives
  - b. What we're doing:
    - i. Signage at Great Mall to capture Milpitas population
    - ii. Mailer in Washington Community Center area
    - iii. DMV
    - iv. USPS flyers
    - v. Franklin-McKinley SD/EastSide: Vietnamese language population (need targeted efforts)
    - vi. Evergreen: Filipino population (need targeted efforts)

6. WASC Accreditation:
  - a. WASC visit occurred two weeks ago. WASC team was impressed by OYA program offerings, expect to receive full accreditation.
7. Washington Community Center/Community Input:
  - a. Concerns of location and safety of students at that site. Sara Reyes and her team added extra resources to the site to mitigate concerns. The OYA staff have been trained to follow the strict protocols of the Center.
  - b. Gang awareness training has been provided to teach staff what to look for in terms of gang signs (gang color clothing) and to model expectations.
  - c. Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force representative and Captain of PD still don't like the location but will support the program.
8. OYA as a Charter School:
  - a. Currently running a deficit of \$1.5M from less than 1 year of operation. Only about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of OYA students generate revenue.
  - b. Convert OYA into a dependent charter school.
    - i. Currently writing Charter petition - first draft by next Friday
    - ii. Need workforce partner to generate revenue for kids up to 24 years old. Help generate revenue from 140 kids.
    - iii. Will be school of choice so students can self-enroll and not have to worry about district release
    - iv. Hope by August of next school year can open OYA as a Charter School
    - v. Using "Come Back Kids" in Riverside County as a model for petition
    - vi. Advisory Committee Members will be invited to the board meetings where the petition will be heard.
9. Number of Credits:
  - a. 220 Credits by Santa Clara County Board policy.
    - a. Discussed the pros/cons
  - b. Benefits of retaining 180 credits
    - i. First 5 curriculum for first few years of life, giveaways/incentives
    - ii. Make program more agile and able to take in more students that are waiting
    - iii. Concerns: Tier 1 diploma may not be recognized by military with 180 credits; ability to meet A-G requirements, career pathway senior project is valuable
      1. Offer option for different credit levels of diplomas based on student goal/interest

10. Recognition:

- a. Recognition to Sara Reyes and her team at Catholic Charities for the important work they are achieving at Washington.

11. Questions & Answers:

- a. Is there an official referral form to release youth for district release to OYA?
  - i. Currently Gerry prefers to use what district has (transfer document) to avoid perception of director enrollment from the district.
  - ii. Eastside form has been used before. Gerry will request from Kenya Edison.
- b. Who can access The Hub?
  - o Preference for Foster Youth, but not restricted to only Foster Youth

12. Future considerations:

- a. Addition of workforce development and college readiness preparation to OYA program

13. Next meeting: Thursday, August 18, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Cupertino Room