

East Area One Educational Task Force
Thursday, October 29, 2016, 3:30 – 5:00 PM
Location: Ventura College Santa Paula Site

Present: Alfonso Gamino, Elizabeth Garcia, Tim Harrison, Marybeth Jacobsen, Ernie Villegas, George Williams, Celina Zacarias

Recorder: Sabrina Canola

Meeting Notes:

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Action (If Required)	Assigned to:
Welcome and Introductions	<p>The Task Force welcomed new member, Ms. Celina Zacarias, Director of Community and Government Relations at Cal State University Channel Islands.</p> <p>Ernie introduced Marybeth Jacobsen, President of the Workforce Education Coalition. This Coalition was created by the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce, and works closely with the Workforce Development Board (WDB), to develop opportunities engaging and joining business sectors with local schools. The Coalition’s outreach has expanded and currently functions county-wide. Ernie compared the work of the WDB as a “think-tank” and the work of the Coalition as the entity that implements ideas. Ernie believes the missions of both the Coalition and the Task Force coincide in their goals.</p> <p>Tim informed members that Lynn Jacobs will no longer be working on the Task Force and thanked her for her valuable contributions.</p>		
Announcements	<p>Ventura County Receives State Funding of 2.9 Million for Adult Education - Tim announced that the Ventura County Adult Education Consortium will receive an Adult Education Block Grant of 2.9 million. The Consortium is currently undertaking an allocation process. Santa Paula Unified will receive \$280,000 to serve the needs of English as a Second Language and Adults with Disabilities. Fillmore Unified will receive \$504,000 to serve the needs of Adult Basic and Secondary Education, English as a Second Language, and Training for adults to Support Children Success in School. The Ventura County Community College District did not request allocated grant funds, however, will act as the official Fiscal Agent for the block grant.</p>		

	<p>Grand Opening of the Cesar Chavez Educational Center - On behalf of Kay Faulconer, Sabrina shared that Kay attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Cesar Chavez Educational Center, Barrio Logan, in San Diego. Kay believes this new Center is a model for the Task Force to consider. In addition, the Task Force has been invited to send a delegation to the Center. Kay will distribute materials she obtained from the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Cesar Chavez Educational Center to the next Task Force meeting.</p> <p>Sacramento City College, Davis Center - Tim visited the Sacramento City College, Davis Center. This 30,000 square foot community college center is located within the property of University of California Davis. This is the first model in the State of California where a community college has partnered with a UC Campus. The center serves the local community, UC Davis students who may be struggling academically, and students in need of enrolling in additional units, for example, summer school classes, etc. This center is innovative and creative. Additional conversations have begun regarding the potential establishment of a similar model at the Cal State University Channel Islands campus.</p> <p>Assembly Bill 288 will Support Dual Enrollment Classes - Tim announced that Governor Brown signed AB288, College and Career Access Pathways Act, designed to expand dual enrollment opportunities for students between local community colleges and high school.</p> <p>VC Santa Paula Educational Master Plan - Tim shared that Ventura College has a campus initiative for the spring of 2016 to develop a VC Santa Paula Educational Master Plan. This Educational Plan will coincide with the Task Force's Strategic Business Plan. He also indicated that VC faculty will be asked to join the Task Force for a limited period of time to help develop the Educational Plan. Tim asked the group to consider adding additional members to join the Task Force, to ensure a diverse representation, as well as, individuals who should be invited guest speaker at future Task Force meetings.</p> <p>Ventura County Cycle of Continuous Community Improvement, Visual Graph - Celina presented a graph of the Ventura County Educational Collaboration's, Cycle of Continuous Community Improvement. This graph illustrated efforts currently being undertaken in Ventura County. The graph serves as a tool to show legislators that Ventura County is a model county.</p>	<p>Consider additional individuals to join the Task Force as members or as guest speakers.</p>	<p>All Task Force Members</p>
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Special Guests	<p>Marybeth Jacobsen, President of the Workforce Education Coalition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Coalition creates partnerships between educational institutions and business communities to help align worker’s skills with employer needs. • The Coalition is in the process of coordinating with all current Chambers of Commerce within Ventura County. • The Coalition arranges job tours for students in the field of Manufacturing, STEM, healthcare, etc. • The Coalition arranges three-day immersion programs for teachers in the area of manufacturing and healthcare. • The Coalition works closely with VC Innovates, to collaborate on the <i>Entrée to Employment</i> dinners where students and professionals dine and network. • Marybeth is developing other programs such as a “readiness” certificate for the County of Ventura. • Marybeth indicated she can arrange tours for students from both Santa Paula and Fillmore Unified. 		
Motion to change Task Force Name	<p>Tim proposed that the Task Force consider changing its title from “East Are One” to “Santa Clara River Valley.” From a political standpoint, it will be more inclusive of the entire Santa Clara River Valley.</p> <p>History of the title, “Heritage Valley” - Ernie shared that the original term in reference to the communities of Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Piru was “Santa Clara River Valley.” However, due to the small populations of the valley, about 12 years ago, the three communities tried to regionalize their efforts for the purpose of tourism. This resulted in the formation of the Heritage Valley Tourism Bureau. The Bureau placed signs on both sides of the 126 highway in Ventura County labeling the corridor as the “Heritage Valley.”</p>		
Superintendent / President Reports and Updates	<p>a. Santa Paula Unified School District</p> <p>Dr. Alfonso Gamino indicated that construction drawings for a new elementary school are commencing. There’s community support to change the K5 to a K8 facility, but the change must be justified by adequate student population. The change will also depend on the 2016 State Bond. Construction of the school facility may be delayed until 2018-2019 because of the requirement for minimum number of housing to support the school.</p> <p>Alfonso shared that SPUSD is contemplating and discussing a bond to modernize schools, such as adding air conditioning.</p>		

	<p>In addition, Ernie shared that he is going to recommend that Limoneira move forward with the efforts to build the community college facility, because unlike the K12 school system, the build-out of the college is not contingent upon the number of housing.</p> <p>b. Fillmore Unified School District</p> <p>c. Ventura College</p> <p>The college district's Chancellor asked Tim to provide him notes and information pertaining to the Task Force. Tim will also provide an update to the VCCCD Board of Trustees.</p>		
Survey and Data Collection Update	On behalf of Perry Martin, Sabrina shared that the administering of high school surveys began. 309 seniors were surveyed at Santa Paula High School; over 60 seniors were surveyed at Renaissance High School; dates are scheduled for surveys at Fillmore and Sierra High Schools.		
Programming Discussion	Ernie and Bob have discussed the possibility of returning to CART to have a more in-depth conversation about the CART concept. Ernie will coordinate with the CEO of CART with ample time to recruit participation of several Task Force members. Task Force members recommend a meeting late February or early March, when things have calmed down for the high school and college.		
Timeline October – December 2015			
Schedule Next Meeting			

Adjourn: 5:00pm