

Santa Clara River Valley Educational Task Force
Thursday, January 26, 2017, 4:00 – 5:30 PM
Location: Ventura College Santa Paula

Charge: *The Santa Clara River Valley Educational Task Force will create a conceptual design to meet the educational needs of the Santa Clara River Valley communities of Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Piru.*

Present: Laura Espinosa, Michelle Kolbeck, Maria de la Luz Flores, Elizabeth Garcia, Alejandra Jauregui, Lorenzo Moraza, Damien Peña, George Williams

Absent: Gabino Aguirre, Stefan Cvijanovich, Alfonso Gamino, Kay Faulconer Boger, David Keebler, Norma Perez-Sandford, Christine Schieferle, Celina Zacarias, Beatriz Zizumbo

Recorder: Sabrina Canola-Sanchez

Meeting Notes:

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Action (If Required)	Assigned to:
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting Commenced at 4:02 PM		
Review and Approve Revised <i>Implementation Activities to Achieve Outcomes</i>			
Review Student Survey for Santa Paula Center Development	<p>Damien shared with the Task Force a community survey questionnaire about VCSP and the move to the new facility. The goal is to ensure the college does its due diligence to gather as much feedback from the community. Members of the Task Force reviewed the questions and provided suggestions:</p> <p>Proposed Survey Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Are you aware that Ventura College has a campus in Santa Paula?2. Have you or someone you know taken advantage of any of our campus resources in Santa Paula?3. What kinds of classes and programs would you like to see offered?4. What exciting opportunities would you like to see as our campus moves to the new location?5. Is there anything else you would like to share with us?		

	<p>Recommendations from Task Force Members:</p> <p>With regards to question number four, there was general consensus that there needs to be more background about the plan and potential of a new facility (information about where, when, and other details). This question can be used strategically and politically. By educating the community and explaining the benefits of this new campus, it will add additional pressure on the developer and the district to move forward with this project.</p> <p>Damien will revise the survey questions and send them to Task Force members prior to the next meeting. Once finalized, the goal is to administer a paper survey at Ventura College Santa Paula (VCSP), and an online survey sent through the Santa Paula and Fillmore Chamber of Commerce e-mail distribution list. Damien will put the survey into Survey Monkey and add a description before each question.</p>	Revise and fine tune survey. Send a copy to the Task Force.	Damien
Continue Discussion on Surveys, Focus Groups and/or Forum	<p>High School Student Perception of VCSP - Damien inquired what the perception is of high school students in regards to VCSP. George indicated that many students view the Ventura College Main Campus as the destination; if students are lucky, they will find a class at VCSP, but this is hit or miss. George indicated that students have realized they need to attend the main campus to complete their coursework. Perhaps they do find a class at VCSP, and they're excited when it happens, but it does not happen often. Michelle concurred that VCSP is a convenience, but Ventura College is the main campus. She believes that the current VCSP facility does not feel like a campus, and there are still many people who do not know that VCSP exists.</p> <p>Opportunities for VCSP to Align to High School Pathways - Elizabeth stated that the Engineering Pathway at Santa Paula High School (SPHS) is really thriving, and this would be a perfect class to offer at VCSP. The Pathways in health patient care, engineering design, public safety, and agriculture are making exciting moves forward. There is an opportunity to work together and use VCSP to promote the Pathways. Lorenzo agreed that classes at VCSP should align to these career paths with facilities that will transform into labs.</p> <p>Elizabeth spoke to President Gillespie about a year ago about the small engine repair program, which was a wonderful opportunity to bring to VCSP. SPHS no longer has auto body repair. Currently, SPHS has robotics, honors robotics, and the Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) has a grant for Mechatronics which will send students to CSU Channel Islands (CSUCI), and if there were an in-between stop at VCSP, prior to students finishing their degrees at CSUCI, this would be exciting students. VC could complement what SPHS is currently doing. George agrees there is an opportunity for a win-win here.</p> <p>Concurrent Enrollment - George indicated that some students do not see themselves as college material, and that the concurrent enrollment classes may help students become college bound. Sabrina stated that four concurrent enrollment classes have</p>	Damien will connect with Greg Gillespie to see where we left off with those discussions. Elizabeth recommends also connecting with Tiffany Morse from VCOE.	Damien

	<p>been offered regularly at SPHS, but for the 2017 Spring Semester, two courses are scheduled. The college will be reaching out to the high school soon to discuss summer session concurrent enrollment.</p> <p>Other Discussion -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damien indicated that the college has moved many student resources to VCSP, to ensure students feel that all their needs can be met. • Lorenzo indicated that the lack of an Administrator/Coordinator for VCSP is a concern. Damien is aware of this situation. 		
Members Reports and Updates	<p>a. Harvest at Limoneira Development</p> <p>b. CSU Channel Islands</p> <p>c. Fillmore Unified School District</p> <p>d. Santa Paula Unified School District</p> <p>Michelle indicated that Lewis is overseeing the housing side of the development, and Limoneira is overseeing the other side where the proposed commercial and educational facilities will be. The updated timeline for the K8 facility is now 2019, but this is still fluid.</p> <p>e. Ventura College</p> <p>Damien shared that Non-Credit ESL classes were approved, and were scheduled in January 2017 at the Ventura College Santa Paula Campus. One beginning-level section is offered in the morning, and one in the evening. Both classes are full, and there is a waiting list. With ESL classes full at Santa Paula Unified, and Fillmore Unified, VC is happy to offer another access point. At minimum, the goal is to offer four classes each semester, including the summer session, with two classes in the morning and two in the evening. Classes will be offered in a tiered system to create a cohort, and which will allow students to repeat the course, or to move to the next level.</p>		
Pending Task Force Activities and Action Timeline	<p>a. Presentations to Boards of Trustees (VCCCD, FUSD, SPUSD)</p> <p>b. Presentations to City Councils (Fillmore and Santa Paula)</p> <p>c. Other</p>		
Announcements and Event Sharing	<p>Cash for College Campaign - Damien announced that as a district, Moorpark, Oxnard, and Ventura Colleges are holding free Cash 4 College workshops, which allow students and community members to visit the campus closest to them, and receive free assistance fulfilling the applications for FAFSA and CA Dream Act, and to ask questions regarding Financial Aid. March 2nd is the deadline for the CA Dream Act. Attachment: Cash 4 College flyer.</p>		

	<p>Santa Paula Collective Impact - Lorenzo indicated there is an important meeting for the Santa Paula Collective Impact effort taking place, January 27, at 10:00am-12:00pm at the Community Center. The meeting will present the “two generations” concept and model for working with children and parents. There have been many attempts to place emphasis on early childhood education, but not enough parent involvement. In addition, there will be a town hall meeting on February 14, to gather information from additional community partners, as the Collective begins to move forward with this idea.</p> <p>Know Your Rights Workshops - Lorenzo shared that in partnership with CAUSE, there are plans to hold an immigrant “Know Your Rights” workshop. They have identified a few attorneys, and they are reaching out to schools, Sheriffs, etc., to form a coalition of community people. They would like to have a representative from Ventura College.</p> <p>Damien indicated that Ventura College will host a similar event including one in March, with attorney, Elena Macias, who is the author of AB540.com, a bilingual website with many resources for parents, students, siblings, and educators. The goal is for Ms. Macias to offer a day of several workshops for students and staff at the Main Campus, and one community workshop to take place at VCSP. Damien will forward information to the Task Force for this event, and others, as they become available.</p> <p>LULAC Leadership Breakfast - Laura indicated that LULAC is hosting their Annual Leadership Breakfast on February 11, from 9:00-11:00 AM to honor Carmen Ramirez for her environmental policy work, as well as Superintendent, Dr. Cesar Morales. In addition, Santa Paula High School teacher, Richard Castaniero, will be honored as educator of the year. Tickets are \$25. Attachment: LULAC Leadership Breakfast Flyer.</p>		
Upcoming Meetings	<p>Thursday, February 23, 2017 — 4:00pm-5:30pm</p> <p>(CANCELED and rescheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2017)</p>		
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM		



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FEB. 11**

VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CASH COLLEGE

Join us for the CASH FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOPS.

Our Financial Aid Staff will assist students and parents applying for the 2017/2018 FAFSA, the *California Dream Act* application, and the *Chafee* application.

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9AM - 2PM**

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- Student/Parent Tax information for 2015
- Social Security Numbers for Student/Parents
- Other income information for Student/Parents



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CASH COLLEGE

Unase a nosotros y asista a los talleres Dinero para el Colegio.
Nuestro personal de la Oficina de Ayuda Financiera asistirá a estudiantes y padres a completar las solicitudes FAFSA, Acta del Sueño y Chafee para el año escolar 2017/18.

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USTED DEBE TRAER

- Estudiante y Padres - Número de Seguro Social
- Estudiante y Padres - Información sobre otros ingresos
- Estudiante y Padres - Información sobre los impuestos del 2015



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With honorees...

Carmen Ramirez, Esq.

Mayor Pro Tem, City of Oxnard

Dr. Cesar Morales

Superintendent, Oxnard School District

Richard Castaniero

Educator, Santa Paula High School



Saturday, February 11, 2017

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

La Fonda del Rey

455 S. "A" Street

Oxnard, CA 93030

\$25.00 per person

Mail checks to LULAC District 17,

P.O. Box 369, Oxnard, CA 93032

Please RSVP with number of guests to Veronica

by no later than Wednesday, February 8, 2017

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