



Office of the Pima County School Superintendent
Southern Arizona Professional Developers

Minutes September 16, 2016

Welcome, Introductions

Members present: CITY Center for Collaborative Lrng., Office of the Pima County School Superintendent, Pima Community College, Pima Partnership, Tanque Verde USD, Southern Arizona Writing Project (University of Arizona), Waters Foundation

Sharing – Carrie Brennan distributed a flyer on upcoming opportunities sponsored by CITY ccl. DaNel Hogan spoke of this semester’s STEMAZing workshops now open for registration at stemazing.org. A list of SAREC workshops in reading, Google apps, and PLCs was also shared (attached.)

VOTE – Voices On the Economy

- ❖ Thanks to Dr. Amy Cramer for sharing the VOTE project. VOTE is jointly funded through the Thomas R. Brown Foundation and Pima Community College.
- ❖ The emphasis on VOTE workshops is to have educators experience economics from various viewpoints and then share these methods with their students. Learning about alternative perspectives and how to deal with them respectfully is taught through the study of past theories and current scenarios. Amy shared a list of twelve topics covered in the 2-year cycle of workshops. There is also a summer session to provide core background and additional topics.
- ❖ Interested teachers can join in upcoming summer sessions and then continue throughout the subsequent school year.
- ❖ VOTE is being expanded through the use of Teacher Assistants to develop middle and high school curriculum, a speakers’ bureau, evening and summer workshops for the community, and an upcoming book.
- ❖ For more information, contact Dr. Amy Cramer at voicesontheeconomy@gmail.com

ESSA Advocacy – Using the Act as a Call for Action

- ❖ Brian Eller, Director of Coordinated School Health Programs through the Pima County Health Department, shared his background in Physical Education / Health, as well as current school projects through the Health Department. Many of the added aspects of the ESSA Act (beginning in 2017) can now include attention to health and P.E. Brian reviewed elements of ESSA and what founding sources could be used at the local level to support these initiatives.
- ❖ Brian shared research on the correlation between physical activity and learning. He also presented resources that could be used at the district level to ensure that ’17-’18 title budgets use ESSA funds to promote “well-rounded” educational experiences for students.

His handouts are attached... these and more can be found on the SHAPE America website <http://www.shapeamerica.org>

- ❖ Brian also mentioned a free School Health Index that could be used as a PE / Health needs assessment for districts. He can be contacted about professional learning that is available to districts in PE and Health.
- ❖ Thanks to Brian for sharing his expertise and resources. He can be reached at brian.eller@pima.gov

Next SAPD Meeting ... December 9th

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