



**Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 3, 2016
10:00 – 12:30 pm
Historic Fort- Small Auditorium**

Call to order: 10:12 pm

Members present: Kathy Johnson, Joe'll Chaidez, Lori Sundgren, Mark Williams, Dr. Scott Miers, Dr. Blanca Cavazos, Adeline Ramirez

CLASS SCHEDULE

Consortia members agreed that WKAEN did not have to follow the Taft College class schedule. Since WKAEN offers non-credited classes, it was agreed WKAEN should adopt a “service model” and not an “academic model” to better serve students. The budget for instructors will be adjusted to reflect these changes.

Starting summer 2016, all zero credit classes at Taft College will be offered off campus and managed by WKAEN. This will help develop WKAEN's identity.

STAFFING

Consortia members agreed to list instructors as Classified Management position. The consortia would like to hire an additional classified manager to oversee academic operations. Members agreed to extend Joe'll Chaidez's contract for an additional year. Testing is key in transitioning students into college.

It was suggested that an effort be made to recruit retired teachers from the Bakersfield Adult School as potential program champions.

GRADUATION

WKAEN will hold a small graduation for students who have passed their GED exam on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 from 5-7 pm. The event will be a graduation and open house.

SMALL BUSINESS ACADEMY

The Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is interested in holding a second Small Business Academy in winter 2017. Consortia members would like SBA to integrate a business ESL class for Spanish speaking students.

ACTION ITEMS

Kathy will e-mail Lori U.S. immigration interview dates at the Bakersfield Adult School
Lori is going to ask Darlene what software program is used in the ESL class at Taft College
WKAEN staff will request Business ESL course for review
Adeline will start the WKAEN ID process with TC IT/library
Lori will e-mail Angie's (child care provider) contact information to Kathy

- The meeting was adjourned at: 12: 30 pm
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 7 at 11 pm at the Fort

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Adeline Ramirez

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