



## Opportunity Youth Advisory Committee

**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 8, 2017**  
**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Present: Elizabeth Alvarez, Cid Azevedo, Kevin Bristow, Israel Canjura, Deryk Clark, Joe Herrity, John Hogan, Phil Morales, Steve Olmos, David Putney, Erika Velasquez, Dave Meyer, Debra DiBiase

Location: Union Room

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### 1. Welcome

- Steve welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Introductions

- Committee members introduced themselves.

### 3. Progress Report – 2016-17 – Enrollment, Attendance & Budget (by site)

- **Enrollment** - OYA Enrollment is at 230 with 89.51% participation. OYA will work toward redistributing students to even out enrollment across the sites.
- **Staffing** – Reduced by 2 teaching positions (they were transferred into AED).
- **Budget** – The reduction of 2 teacher positions will reduce the end of year contribution from the general fund.

Phil distributed a report and reviewed it with the committee. Caseloads between teachers are uneven. As more referrals come in, students may need to be shifted to different sites. Students who do not come to class need to be removed from the enrollment. Phil reviewed ADA by month since July 1, 2017. OYA is currently at 89.51% participation.

### 4. Library Update

Phil met with Samantha Cramer of the San Jose Public Library on developing an OYA classroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. Library. There is a great space but the library isn't yet ready to offer it to an agency full time. The library might be willing to provide services. Samantha recommended talking to the Housing Authority who may have available space. OYA is still hoping

for library space. Israel from City of San Jose recommends checking out Escuela Popular. Jeremy Shoffner may be able to help. Another suggestion was to approach SJSU for space. OYA should focus the search on areas with the greatest need. A recommendation was made to expand the Hub and Washington sites. OYA needs to make sure their growth doesn't have a negative impact on other programs. Israel asked for data on the areas of need so the City can help find space in those areas. We need to be methodical in the approach to expansion. Elizabeth Alvarez recommended a small work group be formed to study expansion. She is interested in joining this group. OYA needs to target its outreach. The approach in the South County has to be home grown instead of San Jose offering a solution.

## **5. Probation Update**

David is working on an MOU with Probation. The goal is to co-locate a teacher between one OYA site and the new classroom at Juvenile Hall. Originally, the proposed program would involve a 6-month stay. Now the program has been reduced to a 30- to 60-day stay. With such a short stay, there's concern that OYA may not be able to make significant progress. Elizabeth suggested developing a relationship during their short stay to ensure they have a place in OYA when they are released. David is working with Probation to develop a shared cost plan to help support a teacher position. He feels they may be willing to contribute .2 FTE. David may approach the districts if a student with special needs and an IEP enters the program to share in those costs. David just received the MOU back from Probation. He and Steve will review.

## **6. Student Profile/Student Referrals**

OYA is looking at who might be a successful student. Currently, there is only soft data on our students. A small study group might be needed to develop measurements and assemble/interpret the data. AED is looking to close Odyssey at the end of this school year. Currently, districts pay about \$3,600 per allotment. To close the funding gap, AED will raise the fee to about \$20K per allotment. Some districts have said they would purchase fewer slots. Larger districts may look into starting their own programs. Rehabilitation Plans currently can't be met by OYA so these are not the right students for them. Their focus remains on disengaged youth. The San Jose Library offers a program for people to get their high school diploma.

Joe discussed the Bronx Opportunity Network and that 99% of jobs have gone to students with post-secondary education over the last year. Bronx assigns 7 staff per site and they serve 200 students. The Needs Assessment is critical for students when they enter the program. Over time, this will show the common issues. Joe says their approach is to meet frequently and work on issues individually until they are resolved.

Joe wants to form a work group to take OYP data, OYA Needs Assessments, and further develop a network to truly meet the needs of the OYA students. It's important to have buy in from the CBO. A Research Evaluator is needed on this team to arrange and interpret the data. CBOs listen to these people.

The next OYA Graduation is scheduled for Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be sent out.

All OYA students have access to Career Pathways. Map Your Future is a fantastic resource but is underutilized. SiaTech encouraged OYA to take advantage of the Tech Shop opportunities.

Post-Secondary matriculation will one day be a judgment of success. Teachers already do aim for sending students to post-secondary. Teachers are introducing college to their students. OYA needs to show all available resources to the students. OYA will increase their focus on and collection of data plus follow up with those students who move on to college.

#### **7. OYA Board Meetings (Agenda Topics)**

Steve encouraged the committee to submit OYA Board Meeting topics to him. The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup>. A Special Board Meeting is now set to review and approve the DASS report.

#### **8. Navigators / SIF Update**

Joe encouraged everyone to continue to do the work.

#### **9. Report on Professional Development & WASC**

Phil is attending the CCIS conference next week. He's also taking a team to Riverside to see their Come Back Kids program. SiaTech provided teacher training. Phil also wants to see the Bronx program.

#### **10. Marketing OYA – Update**

Erika is attending a lot of meetings to promote OYA and encourage students to enroll. She will make parent presentations and attend district meetings to recruit. She's working with Migrant Ed to encourage referrals. It was suggested to find student ambassadors to talk about the benefits of the OYA program.

#### **11. LCAP Metrics Report**

This item was held until the next Advisory meeting.