

HISPANIC ROUNDTABLE (HRT)

March 9, 2012

In attendance:

Jose Diaz – HRT President

Bill Fishburn – HRT Treasurer, Intel Corporation

Theresa Kimball – HRT Board Member, College Success Foundation

Sara Peté – HRT Secretary, Olympia Timberland Library

Alejandro Rugarcia - CIELO

Sherry Sullivan - CIELO

Emilio Vela – HRT Board Member, SeaMar

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes Approval

Minutes from the February 3rd meeting have been approved.

By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation

-We have approved these and the next step is to have the board members sign the final copies.

Update on the Flash Drives for the Latino Youth Summit

Olivia's Report: The money has been received for the reimbursement of the flash drives. Vita Echeverria furnished the funds herself and apologized for the unfortunate incident.

Board Elections

We currently have 9 board members but we would like to expand the number to 13.

Nominations were called for.

Jose would like to have one board member from Centralia College and one from Saint Martin's University should be represented on the board.

Jose will contact these two schools to find Board Members.

The group nominated Emilio Vela and Alejandra Rugarcio at the meeting. They accepted their nominations. They were both voted in as new board members. Alejandro represents CIELO and Emilio represents SeaMar.

Announcement:

Labor & Industries – April 6th - 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

They are hosting an open training about what it means to be a board member.

It will be hosted at the Tumwater facility.

You can register online.

\$10 Registration fee.

HRT board members should attend if they can.

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/assets/charities/CharitiesSession13.pdf>

Guest Speakers: Upward Bound “Working to Fix Education”

Paul invited this group of Evergreen freshman to present to the HRT group in the hopes that their input can help us improve the experience of the students that attend the Latino Youth Summit.

What kind of resources to students have here at Evergreen once they are students?

Felix Braffith introduced the group

The group gave us a practice presentation... it was practice for a presentation they will give at the end of their academic quarter.

The presentation was given by a group of seven students in their second year of Student Originated Studies.

They are looking at education from the perspective of students least represented in higher education.

Their experiences include Internships with the Gateways program and Upward Bound.

Members of the group led the development of the Black History month presentation at a high school in Centralia.

These students are college freshman reading Masters in Teaching materials and presenting to MIT students.

Jeanette Thomas went to Stadium High School

She focused her studies on how TRiO doesn't promote privilege and what it has done for her.

Aaron Scafe went to Mount Tahoma High School

He focused his studies on why students fall into loopholes and gaps in their educational journeys.

Wes Jones went to Mount Tahoma high school

His studies focused on how middle class and privileged teachers have challenges teaching those from less privileged backgrounds.

Stefan Cromoja went to Mount Tahoma high school

His studies focused on why are there so many people of color incarcerated.

Jamaun Harris went to Stadium High School

His studies focused on how TRiO has helped students around the country.

Les Jones went to Mount Tahoma high school.

His studies asked the question “Is it possible to learn inside a state prison?”

Gregory Gordon went to Chief Leschi High School

His studies focused on how he can improve higher education for students of color.

Gateways for Incarcerated Youth was one program the students worked with.

Paul asked about the students about their experiences at Green Hill.

They answered that the incarcerated youth were just like anybody else and the youth were happy to work with the group and want them to come back next quarter if they can.

Someone asked the students for advice on how to communicate with the students that come to the Olympia Timberland Library.

- Be serious and respectful.

- Use icebreakers... crazy ones that will make everyone laugh together.

- Keep it hands on if you can.

- A lot of times it's good to let students share with each other and then share with the group.

- Call students out in a casual but not rude way and it might start opening up the conversation.

Ice breakers – use good ones not lame ones such as “What’s your favorite color?”

One example:

One person stands in the middle of the room and says something like

“Everyone with blue shoes stands up.”

Everyone with blue shoes has to stand up and run to the opposite side of the room.

The person who doesn’t get a chair goes to the middle and continues the game.

Seeing people close to your age accomplish something is more inspiring than hearing from older people.

Reports

Presidents Report:

Latino Youth Summit – our next meeting will be an HRT/LYS and we’ll put together the committees and select committee chairs.

Treasurer’s Report

Bill is our new treasurer.

He shared Carmen Murphy’s report and explained that his reporting method will be a little different.

WCAN – Pacific Mountain Youth Alliance network is growing

On March 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30, there will be an event that aims to identify the gaps of what we do for youth in our area, ESD 113.

The goal is to begin creating a work plan for the ESD 113

Satsop is the location of the meeting.

"Pacific Mountain Youth Council, ESD #113 and the Washington College Access Network is sponsoring a Regional Youth Summit on March 22, 2012. Educators, community leaders and service providers are invited to attend. The goal of the meeting is to inform the community about recent legislation that may impact students and develop a regional approach to reduce high school drop out rates.

To register, contact Joni@pacmtn.org by March 20th."

Jose mentioned there is a State Farm grant for \$25,000.

Jose would like to put a small group together to look at it and apply if possible.

Bill, Jose and Carmen will meet and figure out the Treasurer's Reports.

Needs to be written in terms of income and expense and not profit and loss.

PTSA needs to be done monthly.

CIELO REPORT:

They've had some restructuring changes and they've just had elections.

Alejandro is vice chair.

Denise Lynch is the Executive Director

Sherry Sullivan is the Board Chair

The Secretary is Craig Baldwin

Jane Villanueva is the Treasurer

Jule Gamboa oversees ESL programs

CIELO also has Spanish Literacy and GED programs

The curriculum is provided by the Mexican consulate

-Students go at their own pace: levels range from preliterate through high school

- GED test results are valid in Mexico and the United States

CIELO also hosts a Computer literacy program... sending computers home to students and families when they can.

Paul suggested that parents in this Spanish literacy program could possible present to students about their commitment to education and pursuing education despite the challenges that they face.

New CIELO committees have been formed and are moving forward

The first fundraiser will hopefully be on Mother's Day weekend... they are still in the planning process.

There will be a strategic planning retreat in early May... board members and staff... 13 to 15 people.

We will need paragraphs for HRT/LYS partners including the LYS host institutions.

New facebook page for HRT! "Like" it!

<http://www.facebook.com/HispanicRoundtable>

Announcement from Bill:

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund needs scholarship evaluators.

Bill will send a link to Olivia and she'll share it with the group.

You get 10 students to score.

This is a huge national organization and a scholarship clearing house.

Paul suggested that this link could be a banner item for the website.

It is a 2 to 3 hour commitment.

Website report:

Paul has proposed to add photos of board members on the board members page and to add a list of higher education partners and partner organizations.

Emilio shared with the group that SeaMar gives out \$100,000 in scholarships.

Sara Peté asked the HRT if they would like to cosponsor an author visit from Reyna Grande.

The group voted to offer \$100 to support Reyna Grande's visit and to help with program promotion.

Check out her website here: <http://www.reynagrande.com/>

"From an award-winning novelist and sought-after public speaker, an eye-opening memoir about life before and after illegally emigrating from Mexico to the United States.

After publishing two acclaimed and award-winning novels about the Mexican immigrant experience and the families forced to navigate its twists and turns, celebrated author Reyna Grande reveals her own troubled and triumphant story as an illegal immigrant in the heartfelt memoir *The Distance Between Us*.

Born in Mexico and raised by her grandparents after her parents left to find work in the U.S., at nine years old, Reyna enters the U.S. as an undocumented immigrant to live with her father. Filled with hope, she quickly realizes that life in America is far from perfect. Her father isn't the man she dreamed about all those years in Mexico. His big dreams for his children are what gets them across the border, but his alcoholism and rage undermine all his hard work and good intentions. Reyna finds solace from a violent home in books and writing, inspired by the Latina voices she reads. After an explosive altercation, Reyna breaks away, going on to become the first person in her family to obtain a higher education, earning a college degree and then an

M.F.A. in Creative Writing.

At a time when immigration politics are at a boiling point in America, Reyna Grande is an important public voice for Mexican Americans and immigrants of every origin. *The Distance Between Us* has the power to change minds and hearts.”

Charity and Nonprofit Educational Symposium – 4/6/12.

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/charities/TrainingSignupForm.aspx?s=13>

Next meeting date: **Friday, May 11, 2012; 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM. Location to be announced.**