

Minutes
NORTHEAST ARIZONA TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
(NATIVE)
Central Campus Advisement Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, 2009
Meeting Hall, Kayenta Township, Kayenta, AZ

The meeting was called to by Jarvis Williams, Kayenta Township Manager

Present – Governing Board: Margaret Yazzie, Sanders Unified School District
Wallace Todacheeny, Red Mesa Unified School District
Theodore Allen, Chinle Unified School District
Lavina Smith, Kayenta Unified School District
Mary Tom, Pinon Unified School District
Shannon Tooke, Tuba City Unified School District
Eugene Kirk, Window Rock Unified School District

Absent – Governing Board: Ambrose Shepherd, Ganado Unified School District

- I. Ted Goodluck, Valley HS CTE Director provided an invocation.
- II. Jarvis Williams, Kayenta Township Manager welcomed meeting attendees.
- III. Karen Leshar, NATIVE superintendent introduced the NATIVE Board members, meeting attendees, and discussed meeting objectives.
- IV. Margaret Yazzie, NATIVE Board President shared her experience with the NATIVE District and her vision of a central campus.
- V. Frank Donald, Jr., Navajo Nation Workforce Development, presented Workforce Development's strong need for a training facility and reiterated its support for a central campus.
- VI. Walter Begay, Peabody Coal Company, remarked that Peabody Coal Company welcomes and supports the central campus initiative. Peabody Coal Company currently sends its trainees off the reservation, but the ideal is to have a local training facility such as the NATIVE central campus.
- VII. Frankie Gilmore, NATIVE CTE coordinator provided an overview of the central campus design.
- VIII. Ben Shelly, Navajo Nation Vice-President offered the support of the Navajo Nation for the NATIVE central campus, and emphasized its importance to the Navajo people.
- IX. A panel discussion was held that included Frank Donald, Jr., Walter Begay, Pauline Begay, Linda Morrow, Karen Leshar, Frankie Gilmore.
- X. On behalf of the NATIVE Governing Board, Shannon Tooke, NATIVE Board member stated that it is the Governing Board's objective to pursue funds to construct a central facility. The central campus will unify all the NATIVE courses, some of them through video distance learning network.
- XI. NATIVE Vice-President Todacheeny provided a benediction to close the meeting.
- XII. Lunch, served to all attendees, was prepared by the NATIVE District culinary arts students of Pinon High School, directed by Culinary Arts instructor Nellie McCurtain.