



# Education Consortium

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COLLEGE OF THE DESERT, SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND BUSINESS

## Meeting Minutes September 2012

**Meeting date:** Friday September 7, 2012  
PSA room 18  
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

**In Attendance:**

Annebelle Nery Dean, Admissions and Records | College of the Desert  
Avante Simmons, CTE Transitions | College of the Desert  
Deanna Keuilian, Project Facilitator | Desert Sands Unified School District  
Diana LaMar, Director State Federal Projects | Palm Springs Unified School District  
Ken Wagner, Principal | Palm Springs Unified School District  
Jim Berg, Dean, School of Arts and Humanities | College of the Desert  
Joel Kinnamon, President and Superintendent | Desert Community College District (COD)  
John Jaramillo, Dean, School of Applied Sciences and Business | College of the Desert  
Lorelei Ceja, Director Grants and Special Projects | Coachella Valley Unified School District  
Pam Hunter, Executive Director, Title V & Institutional Advancement | College of the Desert  
Nick Rogers, Consultant CEO | NRed Education Consulting

## AGENDA TOPICS

### I. COD UPDATES – John Jaramillo

**John Jaramillo** welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with an introduction of the new COD President and Superintendent **Joel Kinnamon**. Mr. Kinnamon spoke briefly of his summer activities involving students and faculty, and thanked the Education Consortium for their concerted efforts in K-16 collaboration. Mr. Jaramillo continued the discussion including giving updates on the progress of Campus Developments.

- a) **Main Campus:**-Construction has completed on the Monterey Avenue Entrance, redesigned per a traffic study completed in 2009. The new Math and Technology Building is operational and a great asset to the campus. The two story structure houses the aforementioned programs as well as the Information Technology and Research Department, and the Math, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) student resource library. The Communications Building in front Campus almost completed and should be fully operational by the end of Spring 2013. The proposed Applied Sciences (CTE) building is in the pre-development stages with construction slated to start at the end of the year.
- b) **West Valley Campus:** The Palm Springs Site is one step closer to its 2014 grand opening. Hospitality & Culinary Arts, Film &Media/Communication Arts, Allied Health Services and Sustainable Technologies (green technology) are the four educational “Pillars” for the site.
- c) **Indio Education Center/East Valley Campus:** The facility located primarily on Oasis Street, will be a three-story building with a ground floor breezeway, flexible spaces that allow for reconfiguration, an atrium and with open concept lobby, multi-purpose space that could be used as a conference center. The second floor will house five classrooms with 44-student spaces in each, an active learning lab, and administrative offices. On the third floor will be five classrooms, admin/staff lounge, student lounge, two laboratories. Students will be able to complete Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English as a Second Language (ESLN) programs, an Associate in Arts (AA) in liberal arts degree, and transfer courses to four-year (CSU and UC) universities. The site is slated to be open for classes in the fall of 2013.

As a reminder, Departments and division at COD, realigned and reengineered, have new monikers as follows:

- School of Applied Sciences and Business
- School of Library and Learning Resources
- School of Communication and Humanities
- School of Health Sciences and Education



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John Jaramillo distributed a Master List of **Concurrent Enrollment** Classes developed for a regional and systemic plan involving the high schools and the college. Jaramillo shared information on the significance of concurrent enrollment and of COD's Admissions and Records role in the Concurrent Enrollment process. He also commented on the significance of the CTE Transitions office in Informing CTE faculty and counselors about Concurrent Enrollment efforts. COD is currently working on the Spring schedule and therefore decisions about CE course should be made as soon as possible.

John Jaramillo reported that a new instructor has been hired to manage and Air Conditioning/HVACR program and to teach. **George Brown**, the instructor will enhance the well-established curriculum with the knowledge and expertise he brings from Industry. The program has long served the desert community labor market demand by providing highly trained individuals to work in various businesses throughout the Coachella Valley. The program offers a Certificate and Associate of Science degree.

## II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Nick Rogers** presented information on the "menu" of professional development choices/offerings available to districts upon request and customized to fit each district's Professional Development needs. Mr. Rodgers presentation by power point explained the different elements of professional development and a list of Professional Development opportunities was distributed. Additionally, Mr. Rogers commented on the annual CTE audit report his consultancy completes for College of the Desert and shared excerpts from the report.

**Pam Hunter** commented that professional development creates opportunity to better institutional planning, curriculum planning as well as gainful knowledge in Teaching strategies.

**Deanna Keuilian** thanked Nick for his presentation and commented that her District (DSUSD) continues to improve their outlook and perceptions of career technical education and the variety of modalities for training. She also stated that the district is following the State's direction in providing a better understanding of *Common Core Standards*, *Authentic Assessments* and *Project Based Learning*. Ms. Keuilian encouraged the College/Mr. Rodgers to review those concepts as well, when planning for professional development trainings.

## III. CTE TRANSITIONS

**Avante Simmons** presented information on the **new website** designed as a communication tool to help high school students take their first steps toward college and career transition. Moreover, counselors and parents will have the opportunity to assist their students in getting a jump-start on career technical education by having access to detailed information from the website. Avante encouraged the consortium to share any current CTE information so that she can post it on the site Ms. Simmons will be promoting the website [credits2careers.com](http://www.credits2careers.com), throughout the year so that all interested are aware of this resource. The website address is <http://www.credits2careers.com> Ms. Simmons also reported that official articulation agreements are available upon request. Copies of fully executed articulation agreements are sent to the faculty involved and to the participating Districts or the RCOE. The original document is archived in CODs Academic Affairs office as well as a copy in the CTE Transitions office. The Articulation Master List will be posted on the aforementioned website

## IV. DISTRICT UPDATES

### *College of the Desert*

**Anabelle Nery** provided information about an upcoming presentation on COD's conversion to **Electronic Transcripts**. The presentation/meeting will be held on Monday September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m., Craven's Student Services Center Multi-purpose room. All pertinent staff who are directly involved in transcripts processes are invited to attend. **John Jaramillo** reported that some of the newest or enhanced programs or courses slated for Spring 2013 include *Desert Human Resource Academic Program*, *Fitness Specialist Certification*, *Reserve Peace Office Certification*, and *Entrepreneurship Certification*.



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## ***Coachella Valley Unified***

**Lorelei Ceja** commented that CVUSD has taken particular interest in the *Mobile Learning Initiative; Project based Learning and College Career Citizenship*. The Teaching and Mobile Learning initiative will provide 18,000 iPads to 18,000 CVUSD students along with the technology infrastructure to allow students to connect and learn in an innovative way.

## ***Desert Sands Unified***

**Deanna Keuilian** reported that DSUSD continues to focus on the STEM Initiative and one of the many related activities that the District is actively involved in is current learning programs/projects involving Robotics curriculum. Mrs. Keuilian also commented on the successes and steps taken between teachers and local college faculty in promoting and expanding programs by way of Articulation..

## ***Palm Springs Unified***

**Diana Lamar** reintroduced **Ken Wagner**, new principal of Rancho Mirage High School, Palm Springs Unified School District's fourth comprehensive high school. Rancho Mirage High will open with 9th and 10th graders in September 2013. **Brian Hendra**, is the new Assistant Principal at Palm Springs High School. **Manuel Bayardo** is Vice Principal at Desert Hot Springs High School. **Janel Hunt**, is Assistant Principal at Raymond Cree Middle School. **Eric Antuna** is the new Assistant Principal at Painted Hills Middle School. **Christopher Van Laanen** is new Assistant Principal at James Workman Middle School. **Omar Tinaco** joins Palm Springs Unified as new Assistant Principal at James Workman Middle School.

## **V. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Districts will provide information of additional costs for Professional Development ( i.e., substitute costs, mileage,) to John Jaramillo.
- b. Avante Simmons will provide list of Articulated Courses/Programs for meeting planning.
- c. Districts will provide Avante Simmons with list of CTE courses that are of highest interest in articulating.

## **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting is Friday, October 7, 2012, from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Welcome Back!

Minutes submitted by: Avante Simmons