

Minutes of the
Interagency Steering Committee
June 30, 2008

- CALL TO ORDER: John Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, June 30, 2008, in the ICOE Board Room, El Centro, California.
- Roll Call: Present: John D. Anderson, Amanda Brooke, Mary Camacho, Mark Gillmore, Victor Jaime (for Ed Gould), Mike Kelley, Mike Rood, Jim Semmes, Warren Sherlock, Debra Owen (for Gilbert G. Otero)
- Absent: Robertta Burns, Bruce Coon, Sam Couchman, Judge Donal Donally, Jose Guillen, Robin Hodgkin, Mike Horn, Norma Jauregui, Ray Loera, Mike McFadden, Gilbert G. Otero, Dr. Stephen Roeder
- Others in Attendance: Diane Altamirano, Amanda Occhiuto, Michelle Merino, and Theresa Bonillas
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Jim Semmes, second Victor Jaime to approve the minutes of May 19, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.
- LETTER OF SUPPORT TO PUBLIC WORKS: Motion by Jim Semmes, second by Mike Rood to ratify the letter of support requested by the Imperial County Public Works Department for the Safe Routes to School Federal Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously.
- CURFEW ORDINANCE DISCUSSION: Amanda Occhiuto stated this item was brought to the Committee for the purpose of discussion and to see how the Committee felt about an ordinance since it touched on several of the Strategic Planning Goals. It is an information item only at this time. Ordinance samples from the Cities of Oceanside and Coachella were shared.
- Points of discussion:
- Mark Gillmore stated the City of Brawley has a Curfew Ordinance and is working on a Truancy Ordinance in which parents would be fined if their children are not in school.
 - It was suggested that there be coordination among the cities so that all cities have same curfew/truancy ordinances.
 - One point of concern among law enforcement is the open school campus – an area that needs to be explored.

- Brawley is waiting to see how this work in Oceanside.

SARB UPDATE:

Amanda Brooke reported that a meeting with School Resource Officers, Probation Department, school representatives and Deborah Owen from the District Attorney's office has been held.

Points of discussion:

- District Attorney's office will prosecute, but agencies would have to pay for the position
 - ✓ This idea was presented to the superintendents and those in attendance agreed to help fund the position
 - ✓ What is the cost?
 - ✓ Do agencies have any fund to contribute?
 - Department of Social Services can assist with funds if parents are identified as CalWorks recipients.
- How is an MOU put together?
- The goal is to prevent prosecution.
- Superintendents agreed to send letter to parents in school packet.
- The goal is to prosecute "chronic truants".
- Cost would be about \$3 per student; \$111,000 investment
- Safe & Drug Free School could help pay for program

Action Plan

1. Send out letters to schools – signed by D.A. and translated
2. Come up with some money for D.A.
3. Mona Vitela will get space on TV/newspapers
4. D.A. will work on the brochure and pay for it
5. Prison will print banner/posters
6. The D.A.'s office will provide training to SRO's, teachers, etc.
7. Community outreach
8. D.A.'s office will develop job description

Next SARB meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2008.

Deborah Owen stated that funds could be used to purchase "something" as an incentive for a student with "perfect attendance". She stated she was talking with other D.A.'s who already have a program in place to see how it is working.

John Anderson stated he will approach school district superintendents for funds.

Deborah Owen stated she will start on a framework for an MOU.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Motion by Jim Semmes, second by Mike Kelley to accept the Strategic Plan as revised.

Number 3 under Goals and Objectives should read “Career Technical Education” instead of “Vocational and Higher Education”. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to bring before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.