

**San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustees  
K-14 Joint Board Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2017**

**Members Present:**

Joseph Williams, President  
Gloria Macias Harrison, Vice President  
Donna Ferracone, Clerk  
John Longville, Trustee  
Dr. Donald Singer, Trustee  
Dr. Anne Viricel, Trustee  
Frank Reyes, Trustee

**Members Absent:**

None

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Williams called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

**Participants:**

- San Bernardino Community College District
- Colton Joint Unified School District
- Fontana Unified School District
- Rialto Unified School District
- Rim of the World Unified School District
- San Bernardino City Unified School District
- Yucaipa-Calimesa Unified School District

**Common areas of interest:**

- Blur city limits and school/college district boundaries to form greater regional cooperation to build a college-going culture
- Partner with local businesses to create internships, mentorships, and workforce training while students are in school
- Preparing students lead productive and happy lives
- Providing students the knowledge and support for college access, motivation, discipline for completion and career options (e.g. bridge program)
- Working together to develop and economic development strategy to lead job growth/sustainability

**Common areas of concern**

- Improve image of the Inland Empire
- Families may believe that higher education is too expensive, and may dissuade students from pursuing a college education

- Preparing students and their families for the culture shock and transition to higher education
- Eliminating the stigma of community college
- Connecting local students to teaching opportunities to address long-term demand for diverse teachers
- Ensure students have basic support services outside the classroom (tutoring, housing, transportation to school, health and wellness).
- Take actions at the K-12 level to reduce the need of remedial education at the community college level

### **Common areas of opportunity**

- Foster greater collaboration between K-12 teachers and college instructors
- Improve collaboration between K-12 and college-level guidance counselors
- Create academic guided pathways based on career choices starting in K-12 to community college to 4-year university
- Educate students and families about financial aid opportunities for low-income households to make college accessible and affordable
- Encourage students and families to visit colleges early in their educational career to help reduce intimidation or separation anxiety
- Form partnerships through MOUs, meetings and continued communication to foster collaboration between K-12 and community college faculty and staff
- Assist K-14 students in the creation of educational/career goal plan
- Solicit feedback from students regarding their community college experience
- K-12 districts should reassess how to prepare students to be successful in college (e.g. placement tests, test in 11th grade for college math and English)
- Develop podcasts for students by students to discuss common issues in navigating school, work and family life
- Develop a collective impact communication strategy to help students and families explore college and career opportunities
- Explore joint fundraising opportunities to benefit students (bonds, grants, business sponsorships, etc.)
- Assist students and families start a 529 college fund account at the elementary school level to make it easier for families to save for college
- Increase the public understanding of what Common Core is and how it has changed the academic experience of students at the K-12 level.

ADJOURN

President Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:20pm.



Donna Ferracone, Clerk