

YUSD - Educational Options
Ahwahnee High, Evergreen High School & Yosemite Falls Education Center
Community Schools Advisory Council
Meeting Agenda

October 24, 2024

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review of Minutes from [8/29/24 Meeting](#) - Due to the lack of attendance, review minutes in detail - then provide time for Questions/Comments/Clarifications
- Parent/Student Workshops - Calendar & Brainstorm
- Angel's Closet - Other Community Needs
- Assigning Committees: Please consider which of the 3 committees to sign up for as we will have break-out time and are looking to evenly distribute attendees.

Community Outreach	Parent Involvement	Extended Learning Times & Opportunities

- Break-out into Committees (30 minutes) - Present work to group after
 - Community Resource Brainstorming
 - Parent Involvement Needs Brainstorm
 - Extended Learning Times & Opportunities
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- **Welcome and Introductions-** Attendees were welcomed and time was given at the beginning of this meeting for everyone there to introduce themselves to the group and give an understanding of their interest in being a part of this site-specific advisory council for our Educational Options Schools. The following people were in attendance:
 - Denise Mathe - dmathe@yosemiteusd.org
 - Ron Johnson - rjohnson@yosemiteusd.org
 - Stacey Velazquez - svelazquez@yosemiteusd.org
- **Review of Minutes from [8/29/24 Meeting](#) - Due to the lack of attendance, review minutes in detail - then provide time for Questions/Comments/Clarifications-** The group took the time to review the minutes.
- **Parent/Student Workshops - Calendar & Brainstorm-** The group that was there was presented with a planning sheet which can be found [here](#) in these meeting minutes. Denise Mathe is using this document to plan and record all Community Schools related activities throughout the various sites. She presented a fairly blank copy to the group as part of the agenda packet and asked for feedback on what types of activities/events could be held this year both during the school day (for students) and in the evening potentially in a shared location (for parents in our district as a whole). I think the idea would be to share these “parent night” workshops with all parents in our district and hold them either virtually or with an in person option at the YUSD Adult School if possible. Denise Mathe explained that she held the first type of parent workshop like described above on Wednesday, October 2, 2024. Several ideas that came up at the Rivergold Community Schools Advisory Council held 10/3/24 were shared by Denise Mathe and will be listed below:
 - Ideas for Student Workshops at RES:
 - World Mental Health Day (already planned and scheduled for October 10th) - School site psychologists worked with Denise Mathe to develop activities teachers could do with their students on this world recognized day. The office also held a school wide scavenger hunt that same day. Details of this event are listed in this linked flier which can be found [here](#) in these meeting minutes. **Please Note:** A similar email was shared with teachers at YHS/Ed.Opts. The only differences were that the videos and activities were geared toward high school students and there was no school wide event that happened like at the K-8's.

- BMX - Anti-Bullying Rally/Assembly (already planned and also scheduled for October 10th)
- BIG Smiles - Mobile Dentist (already planned and scheduled for December 5, 2024. **Please Note:** YHS and Ed.Opts. students are invited to participate in the BIG Smiles dental event which is scheduled to take place on December 6, 2024 at YHS.
- Idea for a Money Workshop - possibly ask Terry Rich if he could hold such a workshop with his “Myself in 10-15 years” activity he already does with his math classes. **Please Note:** It was discussed that a workshop like this could be beneficial at the highschool level as well.
- Idea for an On-line Safety Workshop came up in the discussion. **Please Note:** It was discussed that a workshop like this could be beneficial at the highschool level as well.
- Idea for a “Break-the-Barriers” Multicultural Days later in the year also came up in this discussion. **Please Note:** It was discussed that a workshop like this could be beneficial at the highschool level as well.
- Idea for a Fire Safety Workshop to be planned where we talk to kids about how to use a fire extinguisher, how to develop a house safety plan, as well as a family evacuation plan. The thought was that this might be good to present closer to May as the weather will warm up again at that time of year. **Please Note:** It was discussed that a workshop like this could be beneficial at the highschool level as well.
- In regards to Parent Workshop ideas, Ron Johnson mentioned that there would be a real benefit to record these opportunities and keep them posted on a website somewhere so that parents could refer back to them in the future and so that they were available to refer back to throughout the year. This was a great idea and one that Denise Mathe will consider as she develops these workshops for parents in our district. The Ed Services page connected to the district website would be a great place to house these short videos. Videos could also go out to parents on a weekly basis via Parent Square. Denise Mathe would like to develop these ideas in the future and appreciated the input from council members at tonight’s meeting.
- Ideas for Parent Workshops at YHS Adult School:
 - Idea for an Aeries Workshop came up in our discussion. The thought was that maybe a committee could be put together to further this along. **Please Note:** It was discussed that a workshop like this could be beneficial at the highschool level as well.

- Idea for a Money Workshop to be held the same month as the Money Workshop for kids. This one would be geared towards parents though, and could include ideas that might help parents with budgeting, etc. **Please Note:** It was discussed that a workshop like this could be beneficial at the highschool level as well.
 - Idea for a “Work Day” during one of our holiday breaks (maybe in February) where parents and families come together to work on some of the beautification projects we have on our campuses. We could call it something like “SERVING YUSD - Beautification Week”. **Please Note:** It was discussed that a workshop like this could be beneficial at the highschool level as well.
 - Idea for a Gun Safety workshop came up in our discussions.
 - Idea for an SPCA - Cat Adoption Day came up as this is an organization that might enjoy partnering up with us. Judy Weiss volunteers for SPCA and might be a good resource for something like this.
 - Next Step Fair - Event already underway that the Adult School runs each year. Denise Mathe to get more information as to when this takes place and make sure it gets on the calendar.
- **Angel’s Closet - Other Community Needs** - We tabled this discussion as Amber Goslee, YHS Assistant Principal and Denise Mathe plan to go see where Angel’s Closet is located on campus soon. Ron Johnson also suggested that we get Destiny (Campus Safety) to take us up there and that he would like to tour the location as well along with Stacey Velazquez. Due to the lack of participation in today’s meeting, we will have this on a future agenda so as to get more input from other members. The group also spoke about some of the unique needs of our Educational Options students in that laundry is an area to consider offering our students. Since the kitchen location connected to the Evergreen classroom is there and there is a way to enter the building from the outside, conversations began at tonight’s meeting about the possibilities of opening up that space to students on Fridays. Stacey Velazquez mentioned she would check to see how the laundry machines are working and get back to the group. These conversations have just begun and no system has been decided at this time. The council discussed the idea of having a signup sheet for students to schedule time one day out of the week. The last thing that was discussed was an offering for Ron Johnson and Stacey Velazquez to join Denise Mathe on November 7th down at MCSOS for a Community of Practice event being run by Kristi Castillo of MCSOS. Kristi has been working with Denise Mathe since last year on all Community Schools related items and is now running her own CoP’s for the districts in Madera County. She plans to host 10 different community partners who will be coming out on November 7th to present to the group. The list of invited partners is as follows: CalFresh, Oral Health Advisory, Mobile Health Unit, First Five, Friday Night Live, Camarena Health, Big Brothers Big Sisters, etc. Both Ron and Stacey plan to

attend with Denise along with Lynde Charleston and Mindy Gresham who are also both invited.

- **Assigning Committees: Assigning Committees** - DUE TO A LACK OF ATTENDEES - THIS AGENDA ITEM WILL BE TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING
- **Break-out into Committees (30 minutes)** - DUE TO A LACK OF ATTENDEES - THIS AGENDA ITEM WILL BE TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING
- **Review of Any Action Items (both main meeting & break-out committee time)Main Meeting:**
 - ★ Denise Mathe plans to meet with Stacey and Ron to tour the Angel's Closet on campus in the hopes to better understand how that program runs.
 - ★ Stacey will check to see how the laundry machines are working in the kitchen area off of the Evergreen classroom and get back to the group.
- **Community Outreach for Integrated Supports Committee:**
 - ★ TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING
- **Family and Community Engagement Committee:**
 - ★ TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING
- **Extended Learning Times & Opportunities Committee:**
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