

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Perth forum

4:30-5:30

Present:

BoD: Jacob Sancier, Katie Miller, Cat Welsh, Rylan Vroom, Basil Richardson

SA: Don, Ben Dinh, Ken MacLeod, Bill Kitchen, Leigh from Perth

Various reps.

	<b>What is Student Success?</b>
Tara	Coming out of my comfort zone
Judy	Student success is education leading to a diploma. But unlike University, college is more than just learning, more than just diploma
Shelley	Helping other people, especially as a mature woman
Eunice	Came here from NB specifically for heritage masonry (as opposed to anywhere else). Has a job waiting. Here to learn about masonry and everything pertaining to heritage.  Success not just learning what they are teaching us but use of library, Internet, teachers, networking with local people businesses, quarries to become aware of / learn more of this industry. On top of that, there are stones from across Canada. Aside from that to be friendly, make friends ... not much opportunity to do that when not here.
Aislin	Already feel successful. Being here, getting involved with the school. It has always been familiar (mom is staff) but now it is family.
Rebecca Cote	Fond memories.
Devin	Finding the trade, learning the trade, and finding things about it.
Ryan	Being self-aware. Developing new skills, enhancing skills that brought him here.
Judy	Relationships with teachers help communicate more effectively.
Eunice	Presence makes for success, no matter if assignments are due or not. People who skip miss out. Students get more out of the experience if they are actually present. Conversations, etc.
	<b>What do you feel about mandatory attendance?</b>
Ryan	It's about accountability. Similar to job. No problem with it.
Eunice	At previous college, attendance was a part of mark and there was no problem with it. People who show up deserve that 5% to 10%.
Rebecca	Would take away from adults who need flexibility, already are responsible. Also would prevent young ones from learning responsibility.
Aislin	Making it mandatory is more hassle for teachers. Dedicated people would show up anyway.
	<b>ITS</b>

Tara	Computer lab has problems with monitor resolution. Refresh rate is too slow so the screen blinks and flickers, making it hard to look at. It gives headaches, migraines.
Judy	Program coordinator says that someone is coming in to fix refresh rate. Problem, however, is bigger than that.
Aislin	People avoiding using Internet. Because there are no plug-ins, a 2 min clip takes 45 min. Call ITS, no answer.
Rebecca	College expanding, need permanent ITS guy. More than an on-demand fixer, but also something of a trainer.
Aislin	Does not know *who* IT guy is. Still doesn't know (from last forum). ITS shares with Smith Falls and JobConnect.
Devin	Is there even an IT guy? Does he exist?
Tara	Room 6 has sound issues. On Google, yes. DVD's, no. And there is a lag. Students have to go in another room.
Mark	Happens in movie night too. Half way through movie night, he has to rewind movie.
Judy	Want Smart Boards. There are no markers in classrooms, so existing whiteboards are useless
Ryan	There is a Smart Board in rm 6. Never been used, doesn't know how it works.
	<b>Events and Recreation</b>
Mark	Started game-night a couple weeks ago (PlayStation in the cafeteria). Brings in own machine.
Devin	Still time to apply for trips?
Ken	[answer to Devin] Two kinds of money. Field trip funding and SA event funding.
Mark	A projector would be good.
Rebecca	Students unhappy about library hours, whether in discussion or in survey on library hours. Dean can't change hours. One of the concerns is cost. Rebecca is doing a survey. Asks, can we have library open same time as gymnasium? [She will bring findings to Cat]
Devin	Why can't we hire students to run library? [Jacob: insurance?]
Judy	Would like a fridge in cafeteria to put lunches in. Used to be one, but it broke, never replaced. [Jacob: there may be safety or tampering concerns]
Tara	In the meal plan there are fries, burger, fries, chicken: things that are deep-fried, unhealthy. Want variety! And not just different starches, like perogies or rice. Options for vegetarians? [Eunice: vegan burgers now] Need a new menu. Pasta salad. Pasta day?
Mark	Regarding communal fridge: Worked in call centre. Never heard of issues with tampering or theft. It works.
Eunice	Has volunteered to talk to Beth re vegetarian food. [SA supports this]
Ian	Sports teams are in poor shape. There is pick-up hockey. No-one interested in soccer. Centre 45 min away.
Mark	Sports costly.
Rebecca	30\$ reimbursement if joining a gym. Change wording to include other athletic discipline such as ballet, yoga, belly dancing.
Ian	Pick-up soccer would be sad too, because numbers are insufficient.
	[Discussion about hockey]
Mark	\$325 per person, plus equipment (even if pick-up). Ball hockey needs a gym. [Don: new campus getting a fitness centre, not a gym]

Zac	Everyone can find someone with a hockey stick, but not goalie equipment. It is very expensive.
Mark	Wii promotes fitness.
Devin	There is a good public pool here. Very quiet, very cheap. This is a student rate, but you need to claim you are from Perth.
Ian	Wants something like Pembroke games. Make program teams. Carpenters vs masons, perhaps?
Eunice	Scavenger hunt!! Not just an orientation meet and greet, but something later in the year.
Rebecca	We are small enough that we could have a campus Christmas dinner.
Eunice	In other college, had scavenger hunt three times a year. Get businesses involved to give prizes.
Devin	Lion' s Club could be a place for Christmas party. With guitars.
Eunice	LOTS of people would love Karaoke