

Tahoe Truckee Reads Community Meeting

March 17, 2015

Meeting Notes

In attendance: Astrid Baumgartner – RUFF Dog Reading Program, Carolyn Pretzer – TTR Summer Neighborhood Program, Dianne Fix – Truckee Rotary, Julie Otis – KBE, Deed Verutti – TLE, Candice Harris – BGCNLT, Randy Hill – TTUSD, Teresa Ketron – GES, Lissa Johnson – GES, Tessa Waldron – TDRPD, Teri Rinne – Nevada County Library, Alison Schwedner – CCTT, Ruth Hall – TTUSD, Rob Leri – TTUSD, Heidi Bushway-Verkler – TES, Laura Abbey Brown, Excellence in Education Foundation and TTR, Kerry Stendell – TTR.

The meeting opened with a round of introductions.

Updates from the Tahoe Truckee Reads campaign and TTUSD:

- Tahoe Truckee Reads recognized by the national Grade Level Reading Campaign as a 2014 Pacesetter Community
- Pacesetter Community award in recognition of work on Attendance in TTUSD. Each campus has plans in place to reduce the number of students with chronic absences. Data shows numbers have improved, particularly in the early grades, K-3.
- Due to change in California testing from California Star testing to Common Core testing, TTR does not have data for 2014 for grade level reading progress.
- Community Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee has rolled out the new Community Report Card and Tahoe Truckee Reads is included as an Area of Impact.
<http://www.communitycollaborative.org/resources/community-report-card/>
- TTR Bright Spot – One local program was highlighted. Book Buddies/Libros para Amigos. Teacher Julie Otis presented a slideshow outlining the book exchange program she developed at Kings Beach Elementary school and the easy steps to maintain this program. They have a Facebook page -
<https://www.facebook.com/events/637071543064964/>
- TTR has received a grant for teacher stipends for the Summer Neighborhood Reading Program 2015.
- National Summer Learning Day is Friday, June 19. If your organization has an event to celebrate summer learning you can add it to the map -
http://www.summerlearning.org/?page=summer_learning_day
- K-Camp and Summer Scholars will be hosted at Truckee Elementary and Kings Beach Elementary

Next, the participants broke into two working/planning groups – Summer Neighborhood Reading Programs and Summer Program Providers.

Summer Neighborhood Reading Programs:

The following sites will continue from 2014 with same teachers:

- Heness Flats
- Donner Creek Mobile Home Park
- Tahoe Vista Park
- El Andar at Truckee Elementary

Truckee Pines – looking for a teacher for this site (Found one! Georgie from TE)

Sierra View – low turn out in summer 2014. Going to focus on higher turn out at Donner Creek MHP.

Tahoe Vista – program offered 2 days/week, 2 hours/day.

RUFF Dog Reading Program – has challenges with consistent clientele. Works better with set programs (K Camp, Summer Scholars, etc.). Summer Program Providers can contact RUFF via Astrid to set up dog reading at your program.

Glenshire Elementary library will not be open this summer due to parking lot construction.

To do:

Action Item	Lead person
Can Truckee Elementary library be open for summer?	Rob Leri
Teacher needed for Truckee Pines summer reading program site. Ask Val Simpson at Truckee Elementary and let teachers know of opportunity	Laura Brown

Summer Program Providers:

Boys and Girls Club North Lake Tahoe (BGCNLT) is implementing a program called “Summer Brain Gain” for 1st & 2nd and 3rd and up students. Will hire a teacher and assistant to run the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade program. Books are provided by program.

Truckee Rec Center – through Adventure Camp and Camp Trudaca. Hosts reading program tracking # of reading minutes/day. Coordinating with Truckee Library for library books based on theme of the week.

Tahoe Lake Elementary Library – open this summer 4 hours during 1 day/week. Offering AR with high school volunteers and monitoring progress with end of year STAR scores and beginning of year STAR scores.

Truckee Library is hosting the Summer Reading Program. This year’s theme is Reading to the Rhythm. Last year had record number of sign ups (415). Well-

attended programs throughout the summer, but they need more space to accommodate more participants.

TTUSD is hosting K Camp and Summer Scholars at KBE & Truckee Elementary for 4 weeks in July.

Ideas:

- Summer Reading Day event. Has happened in the past at Commons Beach in Tahoe City. People and kids dress up as story characters, have reading tents and generally celebrate reading.
- Mobile library to show up weekly to target neighborhoods during the summer.

Action Item

Offer a reading training for staff at TDRPD, BGCNLT, TCPUD, NTFRC, TFRC, First 5 Family Room.

Lead: Kerry will connect with TTUSD academic coaches to coordinate training.