Section 8 – Community Partnerships

Fifth Arrow has already established multiple community partnerships and collaborations in Phoenix, Arizona. The first of many community meeting to be held, was conducted on May 4, 2015 at the Longview Neighborhood Recreation Center in Phoenix. The purpose of this meeting was to engage, inform and gain local support from parents, prospective students and community members about Fifth Arrow School. Much excitement was gained from this meeting. Fifth Arrow will continue to grow the network to become an active member of the community and to partner with businesses and stakeholders to enrich the educational experiences for all of our students.

Disconnected Youth

Since its inception in Arizona, Fifth Arrow has actively engaged Mayor Stanton's department for disconnected Youth. Furthermore, Fifth Arrow has been invited to participate in the 14 AZ Mayor's round table regarding re-engaging youth and to be a member of Solutions City. This is an active group of community leaders and organizations whose mission is to engage disconnected youth in Phoenix with opportunities to for high school re-engagement and service options.

ReEngage Phoenix

The ReEngage Phoenix Program is one of Fifth Arrow's current partnerships. The program serves to help high school dropouts either re-enroll in school or obtain a GED diploma. The program connects young people who know they need their high school diploma or GED to succeed, but don't necessarily know how to go about getting it. The program begins with an in-person assessment where an adviser gathers a client's basic demographic information and evaluates his or her learning style. Instead of a one-size-fits-all approach, ReEngage Phoenix wants to connect young people with programs that will work for their needs and lifestyles. Re-engage Phoenix is located at the Burton Barr Central Library and has agreed for Fifth Arrow to be one of the educational options for students to attain a high school diploma and seek post- secondary opportunities.

Childcare

The family facility for childcare has been contacted to assist our teen parents.

Arizona Distance Learning Association

Fifth Arrow will participate with the Arizona distance learning association. This association is held for all virtual schools to discuss and keep abreast of all virtual educational policy issues.

To support the development of college and career transition, Fifth Arrows partnerships will be developed between service organizations, businesses, and other non-profits to develop mentorships, internships and work-based opportunities. This program will be designed to enrich their high school experiences. Through this initiative students will gain real world work experiences and earn work-based learning credits through service learning volunteer opportunities.

Virtual Business Community Guest Speakers

In order to foster a relationship between local businesses and Fifth Arrow students, the school will seek to provide a diverse cross section of guest and career speakers for our students. Through a virtual classroom, the speakers will align with curriculum objectives by adding real world experiences

from their professional careers. The knowledge shared from business professionals will enhance and expand the online high school experience for students. These sessions will also be recorded for ongoing use as new students enter the program. Honeywell, a major aerospace employer in Phoenix has agree to partner with Fifth Arrow to assist with the career speakers and mentorship program.

Arizona Charter Schools Association

Although Fifth Arrow is already a member, once the school is approved, it intends to develop a proactive partnership with the Arizona Charter School Association.

Dual Enrollment

Rio Salado Community College has been contacted as a vehicle for students to attain dual enrollment through Fifth Arrow.

College Depot

A partnership has been established with the College Depot which is also located at the Burton Barr Central Library in downtown Phoenix and is a free, full service college access center. College Depot provides guidance with financial aid and scholarships while advising students on college admissions and requirements. One on one appointments and workshops are available at the center. The mission of College Depot is to expand the access of higher education opportunities throughout the community in Phoenix by offering free college planning services.

Joint Technical Education Districts (JTED)

There are currently fifteen JTED's in Arizona. Students enrolled in FAOI will also be able to attend the JTED District they reside in. As the initial enrollments in Fifth Arrow are expected to come from Maricopa County, Fifth Arrow will seek to partner with the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) in the East Valley and Western Maricopa Education Center (West-Mec) in the West Valley. As enrollment in Fifth Arrow expands outside of Maricopa County, Fifth Arrow will seek out additional JTED partnerships in the counties where students reside.

Community College Service Learning Partnerships

The Maricopa Community College District has a service learning component at each campus. Once established, Fifth Arrow will seek out the local community college service learning coordinator and offer placement opportunities at Fifth Arrow's site-based locations.

University Partners

In order to keep up with current best practices in teacher training and to support local teacher training programs, Fifth Arrow will seek partnerships with teacher training programs at Arizona State University and the Teacher Training Post-Baccalaureate Program at Rio Salado Community College. These partnerships will provide potential teacher candidates volunteer and internship opportunities.

Furthermore, Fifth Arrow will continue to establish community partnerships with local school districts to serve at risk youth, and will participate in Leaders for Maricopa County Education Services. This group consists of community leaders, school board members, and serves as a bi-partisan think tank.