

Region IX P-16 Council

April 7, 2009

Minutes

In attendance were: Wes Pierce, ESC 9, David Ickert, Air Tractor, Olney, TX., Diann Taylor, W.F.I.S.D., Leilani Kesner, IPCISD, Ramona Vaughan, Tech Prep, r. Jane Owen, MSU, Margaret Luna, Zavala, Dr. Shelley Sweatt, B.I.S.D., Michael Paris, WF-CCI, Jessica Sutherland, Vernon College, Melissa Yip, P-16, Billie Gorham P-16, Deb Cornelius P-16, Dr. Grant Simpson, MSU, Michael Chapman, ESC 9.

The Region 9 P16 Council was proud to introduce Billie Gorham and Melissa Yip, our new counselors for the "GO" Centers. We are very excited for the wonderful work they will be accomplishing. Billie and Melissa will first be making initial contacts with the Region 9 eighth grade and HS counselors. They will be delivering "Spring Survival Kits" and providing important P-16 information about summer opportunities, as well as furthering "Go Center" events.

The Zavala Organization presented Region 9 P-16 Council with our first plaque, in appreciation of our recent support.

Region 9 P-16's banner was displayed to the Council for approval, we will also have this banner printed in Spanish. It will be used during presentations and public events in which P-16 is involved. The Council had a chance to observe the advancement of our website. A very exciting addition to the website are the translations that are now available in Spanish, as well. A big thank you extended to Gina Averette, for her aid in this ongoing process. The council is thrilled about the interactive calendar that is coming soon to the website, also. Please keep checking for updates: www.region9p16.org.

Dr Grant Simpson updated us on our recent submission of a STEM Grant, offered by Texas Workforce Solutions. The council hopes to hear from the grantors (Texas Workforce Commission) in the very near future. It is money that will add to the strand opportunities of our two summer bridge events.

Executive Director, Deborah Cornelius reported on Wichita County Day in Austin, Texas. It was held on 3-24-2009. It was exciting to share the P-16 message with business individuals as well as Texas representatives. In a noon breakout session we were pleased to hear from Dr Judith Loreda, THECB.

The P-16 Council is pleased to announce the name of our junior and senior in High School Summer Bridge. It will be called, **Camp "Beyond" 2009** – June 15, 2009 – June 19, 2009. Our target populations are potential "first generation" college students and W.I.A. eligible students (economically challenged). The help of counselors and Workforce Solutions will be key to identifying the W.I.A. students. First generation student queries will be run from our P-16 Information cards that we have been busy collecting at various P-16 events.

Four area ISD's and the P-16 Council are excited to announce the name for our at-risk incoming 9th grade bridge will be called, "**Summer Bridge 2009**". The different ISD dates for these bridge experiences are as follows:

Vernon – June 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th

Burk-June 18th, 25th, July 2nd, 9th

WFISD-June 2nd- June 29th one day a week extended summer school hours for bridge experience: 11:30-3:30

Iowa Park-7-27-7-31 9:00-3:00

Breakout sessions:

Business Leaders Summit – Deb Cornelius and Mona Statser to co-chair

Brainstormed ideas: encourage more business involvement with P-16 activities, build on Summer Hire with Workforce Solutions, sustainability and Go Centers, get the P-16 message out about curriculum and workforce readiness alignment, connection with existing business outreach/workshop programs/inclusion of Hispanic businesses? Margaret Luna to produce contact list of Hispanic business leaders

Early Childhood Committee – Brian Newcomb and Jessica Sutherland to co-chair

Brainstormed ideas: purchase puppets and design curriculum to initiate "thinking about their future", social skills, what parents need to know as well, get into daycares and put books into children's hands, expand Imagination Library to other counties????,next year build on Dr Seuss Birthday involvement OH The Places We Will GO!!, MSU education students now with certification changes need some EC hours of involvement, Dr Jane Owen spoke of a program that meets new parents at the hospital and builds relationships with the parents until the students enter school (what to expect when, checklists, suggested activities to promote school readiness)

Michael Paris to chair - "Hybrid" cite dream team – Visits to CTE cites (Denton Career Center, Birdville, Frisco)

On April 13, 2009, Wes Pierce and Leilani Kesner will be representing the council in a CCRS Presentation Training Event in Dallas, Texas. They will report back to the group as to what information they receive.

As a data driven council, we evaluated selected data tables containing information gathered from our region that effect how and what we do as a council. We are an action based group that strives to be keenly aware of the data available to us as a council.

Upcoming P-16 Presentations and Involvement:

May 2, 2009, - Women to Young Women presentation 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Student Achievement Initiative and P-16 - 8th grade visits with Diann Taylor-backpacks-P-16 information cards

May 5, 2009 Optimist Club Presentation, Luby's Cafeteria Wichita Falls, 12 noon

Presentation at MLK Center, May 7, 2009, 9:00-11:00 a.m. – in attendance will be juniors and seniors from Hirschi and Carrigan Center.

PLEASE NOTE:

May 5, 2009- next Region 9 P-16 meeting will be held at the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce and Industry, second floor of the Hamilton Building, 8:30-10:00 a.m.