

Region IX P-16 Council

August 4, 2009

Minutes

The P-16 meeting began at 8:30 a.m. at Region IX on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. In attendance: Brian Newcomb- ATT, Jessica Sutherland- Vernon College , Billie Gorham P-16 Counselor, Melissa Yip – P-16 Counselor, Michael Paris-Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Romona Vaughan-ED of North Texas Tech Prep Consortium, Jodi Schlaud-IPCISD, Deborah Cornelius- ED of P-16 Council, Ronnie London -Boys & Girls Club, Margaret Luna-Zavala, Kristin Morris-Wells Fargo, Mona Statser-Workforce Solutions, Diann Taylor-WFISD, Rosemary Nauman-City of Wichita Falls.

The R9P16 Council was proud to announce and welcome Rosemary Nauman to the P-16 Council. Rosemary is the Employment Coordinator for the City of Wichita Falls. Ms. Nauman has already been active in aiding our Council by offering her services at the Go Centers. She presented a workshop entitled “The Perfect Application”. The Council welcomes her and appreciates her expertise and input.

Jodi Schlaud was proud to report on the Summer Bridge experience for IPCISD. The Council was thrilled with the numbers reported for the 2009 Bridge. Their numbers had increased from less than ten from Summer Bridge 2008 to 49 in attendance this summer at Summer Bridge 2009. This is exciting news for the rest of the districts that we can expect each district’s numbers to grow by next summer. As a Council we should also consider if we would like to try to include more districts in this effort for Summer Bridge 2010. There will be a “Transitional Bridge” grant available to submit in October. Our R9P16 Council has not heard back from the ATT Aspire contacts about the possibility to resubmit for the ATT Aspire grant again.

The Council then took some time to look over the P-16 Website, and made suggestions for continued improvement to help “get the P-16 word” out. Please visit the website; it is definitely a work in progress and updates are added quite often. What a wonderful tool for our Region.

Billie Gorham and Melissa Yip presented a report for the Go Centers. Twitter has been an added communication tool to inform students of the opportunities for the Go Centers. Billie and Melissa are excited for the collaboration between Go Centers, P-16 and Communities in Schools, and discussed the possibilities of business involvement.

Brian Newcomb and Jessica Sutherland reminded the Council of the Early Childhood subcommittee on Friday, August 28, 2009, at Region IX. Any Council members are welcome to attend; we will have many guests at this meeting to provide feedback for the committee. The College and Career Puppet Outreach coupled with Teacher Certification will be first on the items to be discussed.

Our R9P16 council received grant for C.C.R.S for 80,000.00 a year for two years. It is for a Master Special Advisor Status to assist with implementation of the CCRS, most especially the curriculum alignment issues with isd/escs and furthering awareness with the faculty.

A tentative date has been set for the Workforce Summit in October for October 8, 2009, at the Vernon College Skills Training Center. We would be joining forces with Workforce Solutions to make this happen. A planning meeting will be announced very soon.

Our R9P16 Council sent four individuals to Austin for the Parental Outreach Training on Monday, August 17, 2009. Billie Gorham, Patricia Dominguez, Stephanie Zamora, and Monette Rivas each attended this wonderful training. They will be giving a report at our next Council meeting. This was a session to train councils on how to plan and implement a Feria Para Aprender (Learning Fair) in their communities. The Feria is a proven model as an educational mobilization event that:

- a. Increases parental educational involvement
- b. Increases the knowledge of Pre-K readiness skills
- c. Enhances the capacity of the non-profit educational community to better serve the rapidly growing Spanish speaking parent and student population, promotes a college going culture.

The Council was able to view the Camp Beyond DVD that was prepared to music and gave the Council Members an idea of what the students experienced during their "taste" of college at Camp Beyond. Deb Cornelius has DVD's for Council Members and businesses, and schools that are interested in having a copy.

The RFA for FY 2010 was submitted on August 17, 2009, to THECB for our R9P-16 Council. R9P16 Council should hear back about the Councils being awarded by September 1, 2009.

P-16 Opportunities: P-16 Presentation Sunrise Optimist Club 6:30 a.m., Thursday 8-8-09, Business subcommittee meeting with Mona Statser to further discuss Workforce Summit in October 1:00 on Thursday, 8-08-09, 21st Century Skills, Dr. Daggett Breakfast at Region IX, 8:30 a.m. on Monday, 8-17-09.

NEXT P-16 Meeting date: Tuesday, September 1, 2009, 8:30 a.m., Region IX