

*Region IX P-16 Council*

*March 3, 2009*

*Minutes*

The R 9 P-16 Council meeting began at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at Region IX ESC Center.. In attendance were: Jessica Southerland (Vernon College), Donna Farrell (Communities in Schools), Ramona Vaughn (Tech Prep), Dr. Shelley Sweatt(Curriculum ISD), Margaret Luna (Zavala), Mike McCoy(Vernon College), Wes Pierce(Region IX), Kristen Morris(Parent, Wells Fargo), Brian Newcomb (ATT), Dr. Grant Simpson (MSU), Emily Klement (NCTC), and Deb Cornelius (ED P-16).

1. Discussed recent article in Times and Record news.  
<http://www.timesrecordnews.com/news/2009/feb/12/region-9-tackles-mission-impossible/> . The Council agreed that it was a well written article, however, we discussed the fact that we believe that our “mission is very possible”. In the future the P-16 Council will provide news release forms to various media sources and not overwhelm them on so many details.
2. The Council was thrilled to have the propositions from the MSU, Mass Communication students for our local P-16 logo information. We narrowed the choices to three and will have an electronic vote so as to include our ISD members that could not be in attendance due to TAKS testing on their campuses. As soon as we receive the revisions on our final three choices, the Council members will receive an email in which they will be able to choose which logo fits our mission. The Council passed the motion to purchase a P-16 banner after the votes are tallied and a choice is made. Tomorrow Starts Today!!
3. Briefly discussed the Summer Merit Program – Grant (STEM) through Texas Workforce. A sub-committee will be meeting this week to discuss the possibilities of tying into our Summer Bridge opportunities.
4. Our next regular P-16 meeting is on Tuesday, April 7' 2009. Our council will revisit our short term and long term goals to see where we stand as a

research based, action oriented Council. Council members were encouraged to think about which team they would like to serve on for our brainstorming session on April 7th:

- a. Summer Bridge (Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Graders) (Planning meeting 3-25, Iowa Park HS 1:00, Meeting at CIS changed to 3-31, 2:00)
  - b. Summer Bridge , Summer Content Camps (Incoming 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Graders) (STEM ages 14-21) (Summer Work Program TWC)
  - c. Early Childhood Committee
  - d. Go Centers
  - e. Visits to CTE sites (Denton Career Center, Birdville, Frisco, etc.)
  - f. Professional Development Opportunities
  - g. Public Awareness Committee (brochures, website, PR)  
**The Public Awareness Committee will meet March 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m..**  
**If you are interested in serving on this committee please email Deb Cornelius at: [deborah.cornelius@mwsu.edu](mailto:deborah.cornelius@mwsu.edu).** (We have completed the “business brochure” now we need to focus on a “student”, “parent” and “educator” brochure.)
5. On April 13, 2009 there will be training in Dallas, Texas, by the Curriculum Task Force. The content will be appropriate for counselors, administrators and teachers. Wes Pierce and Lelani Kesner (IPCISD) will represent our P-16 Council.
  6. Margaret Luna provided an update on the Zavala Banquet. Our R9 P-16 Council is excited to see the growth from last year’s attendance and will collect P-16 data information cards.
  7. P-16 Institute in Austin was February 9, 2009. Michael Paris, Shelley Sweatt, Ramona Vaughan, Grant Simpson and Deb Cornelius were in attendance. Next Institute date set for **June 9, 2009**. Please check your calendars and we will appreciate at least one business, one higher ed and one ISD representative. Contact Deb or Grant if interested.
  8. March 23, 2009 and March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Wichita County Day in Austin – will address P-16 and College and Career Readiness Issues
  9. Our local P-16 Council will be helping Mr. Larry Nash in a **“College Day”** event at the **MLK Center**. It will be **May 7, 2009 at 5:30**. He would like

Vernon, NCTC and MSU to be in attendance. It would be super to have admissions people there as well. We will discuss this further at our next meeting, please mark your calendars, however. You can contact Larry at 761-7980.

#### 10. Upcoming Presentation dates

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> Burkburnett Rotary 12:00 noon
- March 6<sup>th</sup> Wichita Falls Rotary (North) 7:00am Lubys
- March 9<sup>th</sup> Freshman/Parents Informational meeting- website
- March 12<sup>th</sup> Wichita Falls Rotary (Downtown Club) 12:00 noon Lubys
- Optimist Club May 26th

**Presentations to date....**

Thank you for the volunteers that will be interviewing for our Part-time Counselors on March 26, 2009, looking forward to moving forward on our "GO Centers".

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2009. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 10:00 a.m..