

## *Region IX P-16 Council*

*December 1, 2009*

### *Minutes*



The P-16 meeting began at 8:30 a.m. at Region IX on Tuesday, December 1, 2009. In attendance: Billie Gorham P-16 Counselor, Melissa Yip – P-16 Counselor, Romona Vaughan-ED of North Texas Tech Prep Consortium, Jodi Schlaud-IPCISD, Deborah Cornelius- ED of P-16 Council, Diann Taylor-WFISD, Dr. Shelley Sweatt – BISD, Dr. Grant Simpson – MSU, Donna Farrell – Communities in Schools, Michael Chapman- ESC Region IX, Jessica Sutherland-Vernon College, Wes Pierce ESC Region IX, J.J. Schweiger – Straight Street

Romona Vaughan thanked the P-16 Council Members who were in attendance at the North Texas Tech Prep Regional Conference, November 3, 2009. The conference was well attended and the P-16 Council was proud to be in representation for such a fine event.

The Business Sub Committee Update was given by Deborah Cornelius, in Michael Paris' absence due to illness. The Council is quite excited to roll out our "Million Dollar Conversation Campaign". Please take time to visit the MDC website at [www.milliondollarconversation.net](http://www.milliondollarconversation.net) . The Council is proud to welcome Stephanie Zamora as the "face" of the MDC. Stephanie is an amazing young woman with a great story that is sure to encourage young people all over the region to indeed engage in the "Million Dollar Conversation" because truly, their "Tomorrow Starts Today". Please keep in mind that the Council will be marketing our "Go Centers" and the MDC on Telemundo, Fronteras, the "What' Cooking "section, as well as an "ear Ad" in the Sports section of the Times Record News. We are also partnering with Cumulus Broadcasting to get the MDC word out. Stephanie Zamora also made a valid point to our Council, that we needed to have someone available to answer questions in Spanish when needed. The Council moved forward on this realization and we now have a bilingual answering service for the MDC phone line. That number is 940-397-8909. It is truly exciting to observe the positive feedback on the importance of having that "conversation" with someone!! Businesses, Schools, Parents and Students are all on board.

Dates have been set for P-16's first "Parent Academy" this spring. The Council is thrilled to be piloting this program with IPCISD. Jessica Sutherland and Jodi Schlaud presented updates on this subcommittee's meetings. This "IP Pre-K Jumpstart" will be held, March 25, 2010, at 6:00 at Kidwell Elementary. Much progress is being made towards the event and Iowa Park local businesses are getting involved as well.

Billie Gorham and Melissa Yip gave a CACG P-16 Career Counselor Update. They are excited to be setting the dates for test preparation (SAT, ACT) reviews in several districts. 2010 plans include spending time on campuses the day that they have "Go Center" events. 2010 Scheduled dates can be located at our website [www.region9p16.org](http://www.region9p16.org).

RP16's first "Café con Leche" event will be held on February 10, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at Falls Point Church in Wichita Falls, Texas. This "coffee with cream" meeting is the first of many informal gatherings with Region IX families to discuss P-16, who we are, and what we are about. It is also a time to really inform these participants of what opportunities are available through higher education for their families. Information about the data behind the "Café con Leche" model is attached to this email.

Dr. Grant Simpson presented the Council with a Masters CCRS hiring update. R9P16 Council was proud to provide an in-service event for each of the ISD's participating in the December CCRS Events. On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> there were students from Archer City, Iowa Park, Vernon, Burkburnett, C.I.S. and Scotland Park Elementary that came to MSU's campus for a College and Career Readiness Event, almost 1,500 students experienced this wonderful event.

The R9P16 Council discussed the Zavala Leadership Event for this spring. The Council was in agreement to scholarship juniors, as we did last year for the banquet. We hope to approach Zavala about the possibility of having a "Feria" in conjunction with the leadership banquet.

Our next P16 Institute will be in Austin, Texas, February 3, 2010, from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel North, 6505 I-H 35 North, Austin. Dr. Grant Simpson, Donna Farrell, Michael Paris, Dr. Shelley Sweatt and Deborah Cornelius will be representing our R9P16 Council.

The Next R9P16 Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 5, 2010- 8:30 a.m. at Workforce Solutions Board Conference Room. (enter Indiana Street) -901 Indiana, Suite 180, 767-1432. We will be "recapping" P-16's 2009 and setting short term goals for 2010 as well as long term plans for the future! Mona Statser will be providing snacks, please mark your calendars now!