

Region IX P-16 Council

May 5, 2009

Minutes

A special thanks to the Wichita Falls Board of Commerce and Industry for hosting the May P-16 meeting. In attendance: Donna Farrell- CIS, Leilani Kesner-IPCISD, Marylin Leasure-VISD, Kristin Morris-Wells Fargo, Debby Patterson-WFISD, Dr. Grant Simpson-MSU, Jessica Sutherland- Vernon College, Dr. Shelley Sweatt-BISD, Romona Vaughan-North Texas Tech Prep-VC, Kristen Watts - Community Foundation, Deborah Cornelius – P-16 , Michael Chapman – Region IX, Billie Gorham P-16 Counselor, Melissa Yip – P-16 Counselor.

The council was pleased to have these visitors in attendance:

Dr. Dusty Johnson, President of Vernon College, J. J. Schweiger – Straight Street, Gary Don Harkey – Vernon College, Mike McCoy – Vernon College, Tamalyn Fraley – CIS, Tanja Haarmann – Straight Street, Shana Munson – Vernon College.

The P-16 Council Meeting began at 8:30a.m. The Council was so thankful for Wichita Falls Board of Commerce and Industry to host the meeting. Introductions were made and the meeting began.

Jessica Sutherland reported on the Early Childhood Sub-Committee meeting that was held at the AT&T call center on April 24, 2009. Many actionable brainstormed activities were discussed for the P-16 Council to consider, to aid in having children in Region 9 kindergarten ready. The sub -committee agreed to meeting bi-monthly. The committee appreciated Head Start's input at the meeting. Next meeting many daycares will be represented, in attendance.

Business and Education Collaboration Sub Committee report was given by Michael Paris. A needs-analysis was distributed and discussed in the committee's last meeting. The committee agreed that communication is so extremely important with Business and Education. This committee plans to meet once a month to continue to discover ways that P-16 can continue to make a community effort in having students career and college ready once they graduate from high school.

Workforce Summit - Workforce Solutions and P-16 to join efforts - tentatively set for October, 2009.

The P-16 Council is proud to announce that we were awarded the Summer Merit Program Grant from TWC for the STEM related strand of Camp Beyond. **Students must be WIA eligible to receive scholarship from TWC.** Go Center events to determine eligibility held in collaboration with Workforce Solutions on the following dates:

Tuesday, May 19, 2009 (6:30-8:00) Graham Go Center

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 (5:00-7:00) Burkburnett Boys and Girls Club

Thursday, May 21, 2009 (6:30-8:00) Nocona Go Center

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 (6:30-8:00) (Northwest Boys and Girls Club) WF Go Center

Thursday, May 28, 2009 (6:30-8:00) Vernon Go Center

Leilani Kesner reported on C.C.R.S. Training that she and Wes Pierce attended in Dallas, Texas. A follow-up training will be in August, 2009.

P-16 Counselor's reported on all of the activities they have been busy with. Billie Gorham reported that she and Melissa Yip had successfully delivered P-16 "spring survival baskets" to each high school in Region IX. Included in the basket were the summer offerings from P-16. Billie and Melissa are thrilled about the summer events they have planned at their "Go Centers", check them out on our website!!

There was a suggestion made by Michael Paris in regards to our website. Michael moved that we add an "I need help" button on the website that is designed to help students and or parents with any issues that they may be dealing with. Our P-16 Counselors could follow up with the student's counselors on their campus to begin facilitation to help these individuals with issues that they may be experiencing.

"Camp Beyond 2009" – June 15, 2009 – June 19, 2009 was updated. This camp is for first generation rising juniors and seniors. Plans are well underway and it will be a wonderful experience for these students. Our goal is to have at least one student from each district in Region IX in attendance.

"Summer Bridge 2009" was also updated. Plans are being completed for WFISD, IPCISD, BISD and VISD to receive a wonderful "bridge experience" to transition successfully from Junior High School to High School. Professional Development – for the teachers involved in Summer Bridge is available at Region IX on May 19, 2009. Teachers from the four districts can sign up for this experience through Region IX and will be in attendance at the final Summer Bridge Planning Meeting that will be held on May 19, 2009.

Change in Summer Bridge Planning Meeting location on May 19th-it will be held at Region IX at 2:00-not C.I.S.

Upcoming P-16 Presentations: (please note calendar on website www.region9p16)

May 7 MLK Event 9:00 a.m.

May 12, 2009- Nocona Rotary Presentation

May 20 Lions Club, Burkburnett, noon at Community Center

May 26th Optimist Club WF noon at Lubys

May 27th Bowie Rotary noon

Next P-16 Meeting: June 2, 2009, 8:30 am, Region IX

June 9, 2009 Austin P-16 Meeting