

# Hispanic Achievement Advisory Committee

## Minutes

October 4, 2006



### Greetings and Introductions

Rod Chaves welcomed everyone and brought the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Dr. Don Stockton, Superintendent welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

### Minutes

The minutes from the February 1, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved.

### Volunteer Recognition

Faith Casperson recognized student volunteers for the Shots Across Texas event and reported that they helped immunize some 1,700 students. Student Joel Aricile was recognized for having perfect attendance in the After-School Language Acquisition Academy.

### What's Happening in CISD

- Mary Byrne shared that the newsletter *Hoy* will be published again this year. It will be available in English and in Spanish.
- A Minority Recruitment Report was shared by Dexter Upshaw. He shared that 63 new Hispanic teachers were hired for the 06-07 school year.
- Sherry Sunderman, Coordinator of Guidance and Counseling, gave the committee information that CISD counselors are referring students to the Lone Star Clinic and the clinic is meeting a critical need.
- Dr. Stephen McKernan, Director of the Lone Star Family Health Clinic, gave an extensive report of the services available to residents of Montgomery County.
- Dr. Larry Loomis-Price, Director of Biotechnology Institute with Montgomery

College, made a presentation and highlighted the following: the need to educate the community about potential careers in science, an internship program with the biotech industry, and the application for a grant to recruit Hispanic students for placement with biotech companies. He shared that March 2, 2007 the college is having an event, "Adelante!" Senior Day to invite "first generation" and Limited English Proficient students to the campus to encourage them to enroll in college.

- It was announced that Montgomery County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will present a \$3,000 scholarship for Hispanic students.
- Deanna Martin, Director for CISD Staff Development, talked about the Bilingual/ESL Cadre and the role of the representatives.
- Judy Hunter introduced the new parent liaison Barbara Grogan

### Upcoming Events

- Deanna Martin, Dr. Patricia Morales, and Rod Chaves will present at Texas Association for Bilingual Educators (TABE) Conference on October 25, 2006
- Career Day will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, in the spring of 2007.
- "Adelante" - Montgomery College— March 2, 2007

### Adjourn

Mr. Chaves thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.