

Hispanic Achievement Advisory Committee

Minutes

October 26, 2005



Greetings and Introductions: Rod Chaves welcomed everyone and brought the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes from the February 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Volunteer Recognition: Carolina Zaragoza and Tammy Garcia shared information regarding the Montgomery County Volunteer Organization (MCVO). The MCVO has volunteered over 800 hours to help with literacy classes in the Conroe community. The works of Angelica Campos, Julie Thompson, and Pedro Evals were recognized for their efforts with this volunteer program.

What's Happening in CISD:

- Bilingual/ESL Department: Dr. Morales reported that the year is running very smoothly. She also referenced the outstanding teachers and coordinators who are working diligently to ensure students receive an excellent education.
- Travis Parent Center: Ms. Gloriod shared that the Travis Parent Center was offering the following classes:
 1. Literacy Classes
 2. ESL GED Classes
 3. Parenting Classes
 4. Computer Skills Classes
 5. 40 Developmental ClassesBabysitting is provided for parents attending these classes.
- Deerwood Community Center: Nora Renteria gave the committee an update on the Deerwood Community Center. The programs that the Center is offering are:
 1. Success by 6
 2. Adult Literacy
 3. Agriculture Extension ServicesShe extended a thank you to the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Girl Scouts, and the Montgomery County United Way for their support in the development of the community center.
- Literacy Coaches: Jim Geiger addressed the Literacy Volunteers of America-MOCO that provide the literacy programs at various places throughout our area. There are 150 trained volunteers and high school student volunteers that provide the instruction in the classes in the Conroe area.

“Growing Our Own Teachers” Project: Dr. Stewart reviewed District Goal 9 which addresses the recruiting and retention of highly qualified teachers for CISD. She also discussed the partnerships the District has with Sam Houston State University, Texas A&M University, and Montgomery County College in the development of the “Growing Our Own Teachers”. The program provides a road map for future teachers from high school through college. Dr. Stewart thanked everyone for their involvement in this program.

Adjourn: Mr. Chaves thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.