

# Hispanic Achievement Advisory Committee

## Minutes

February 1, 2006



**Greetings and Introductions:** Rod Chaves welcomed everyone and brought the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

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

**Student/Volunteer Recognition:** Two student volunteers, Anally Diaz and Cristina Orozco, were recognized for volunteering to teach ESL classes at the Newcomers' Center. Both of these students are currently attending CISD schools. Miss Orozco was presented with a certificate of appreciation by Dr. Don Stockton, CISD Superintendent, and Mr. Chaves.

### **What's Happening in CISD:**

- Dr. Kathy Sharples, Director of Human Resources, Ivan Valasco, Principal of Houston Elementary, Dr. Patricia Morales, Coordinator of Bilingual/ESL Services, and Bettye Adame, an Anderson Elementary Teacher, shared their experiences during a recent recruiting trip to Monterey, Mexico. The CISD representatives hired twenty bilingual teachers for the 2006-2007 school year while on this trip.
- Alicia Velazquez shared information regarding the After School Language Acquisition Academy that is housed at Conroe High School. The program takes place Monday through Friday from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Currently there are forth-four students attending the sessions that included counseling and peer tutoring.
- Dr. Morales shared information about the Bilingual Cadre Master Teacher program with the group. This involves a group of Bilingual teachers who are working together to better meet the needs of the growing population of students that meet the criteria for their services.
- 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 Services
  4. Story Time

**Upcoming Events:** Mr. Chaves shared these upcoming events:

- February 4, 2006 – Houston Hispanic Forum's Career Education Day
- March 3, 2006 – "Adelante" at Montgomery County Community College

**Adjourn:** Mr. Chaves thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.