

2007-2008
**District-Level
Planning & Decision-Making
Committee**

January 16, 2008

Minutes

Members in Attendance

Teachers:

Caney Creek Attendance Zone- Karen Solberg, Caney Creek High; The Woodlands College Park Attendance Zone-Vicki Marsh, Collins Intermediate; Oak Ridge Attendance Zone- Debbie Dupre, Vogel Intermediate and Chelsea Green, York Junior High; The Woodlands Attendance Zone-David Vaughn, Deretchin Elementary and Ashley Pointer, McCullough Junior High.

Parents:

Caney Creek Attendance Zone-Jill Frazier, Caney Creek High; The Woodlands College Park Attendance Zone-Jenny Wright, Hailey Elementary; Conroe Attendance Zone-Nicola Weems, Giesinger Elementary; Oak Ridge Attendance Zone-James Engle, Oak Ridge High/York Junior High.

Administrators:

Dr. Jean Stewart, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Chris Hines, Associate Superintendent; Gale Drummond, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education; Dr. Cathy Gibson, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education; Dr. Scott Barrett, Assistant Superintendent for Technology; Kathy Clark, Director of Communications; Caney Creek Attendance Zone-Cindy Lentz, Austin Elementary; The Woodlands College Park Attendance Zone-Chris McCord, McCullough Junior High; Conroe Attendance Zone-Mike Crawl, Conroe High; Oak Ridge Attendance Zone-Gena Jerkins, York Junior High; The Woodlands Attendance Zone-Marie Hartley, Wilkerson Intermediate

Community/Business:

The Woodlands Attendance Zone-John Hennigan, Community

Facilitator:

Dr. Don Stockton, Superintendent of Schools

Call to Order:

Mike Crawl called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

Review of Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the November 14, 2007 meeting, and they were unanimously approved as submitted.

Review of Board Meetings:

Dr. Stockton reviewed the summaries of the December 11, 2007 and the January 15, 2008 meetings of the Conroe ISD Board of Trustees.

Review of the Facilities

Planning Committee's Recommendation

Dr. Stockton reviewed the recommendations that the Facilities Planning Committee made to the Board of Trustees at the January 15, 2008 Board meeting. He shared that the fifteen member committee was comprised of representatives from each of the feeder zones. The following points were highlighted: the process the committee utilized to arrive at a recommendation; the multiple options and solutions evaluated to address demographic growth; and the campus and ancillary improvements identified throughout the District. The selected option made to the Board included the construction of seven new schools, additions and renovations at six campuses, campus improvements, and ancillary improvements.

School Calendar for 2008-2009

Dr. Stewart led the discussion about feedback the committee had received concerning the draft calendar. The dates selected for spring break as well as the impact of the end date of the first semester on semester exams were reviewed. The committee recommended changing the draft calendar as follows: move spring break to March 16-20 and change March 27 to an early release day.

Annual Performance Report

Dr. Jean Stewart shared the 2008 Annual Performance Report that was presented during a public hearing on January 15, 2008. The report was based on 2006-2007 AEIS data. Academic achievement of the students in CISD in the areas of TAKS, SAT and ACT performance revealed that CISD students outperformed the state in most areas. TAKS performance in ELAR, Math, Writing, Science and Social Studies Tests demonstrated that the gap between all students and each student group over the past five year period has significantly decreased. The report also included data about the drop out rate, completion rate and human resources information. The full report is posted on the CISD website.

District Improvement Plan Technology

Dr. Scott Barrett made a 21st Century Learning Environment presentation and the implications it has for CISD. During the presentation he emphasized that web based applications will be necessary to meet the needs of CISD students and staff and that the District must be ready for online testing by 2011. Important considerations will need to be made in the areas of wireless connectivity, the Internet, Google, and Moodle (WIGM) to make information readily available to CISD learners.

District Improvement Plan School Safety

It was decided to move this item to a future meeting.

Next Meeting Date

February 20, 2008

Adjournment

Mr. Crawl adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

