

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

February 20, 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 and 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; Kathy Clark, Director of Communications; The Woodlands College Park Attendance Zone-Chris McCord, McCullough Junior High; Conroe Attendance Zone-Mike Crowl, Conroe High; and Oak Ridge Attendance Zone-Gena Jerkins, York Junior High.

Community/Business:

Caney Creek Attendance Zone—Kay Carter, Carters Florist & Nursery Landscaping, Inc.; The Woodlands College Park Attendance Zone-Bev Earl, Community; and Oak Ridge Attendance Zone-Venetia Wilks, Community.

Facilitator:

Dr. Don Stockton, Superintendent of Schools

Call to Order:

Mike Crowl called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

Review of Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the January 16, 2008 meeting, and they were unanimously approved as submitted.

Review of Board Meetings:

Dr. Stockton reviewed the summary of the February 19, 2008 meeting of the Conroe ISD Board of Trustees.

District Improvement Plan: School Safety

District Improvement Goal 5 was presented to the committee by Dr. Chris Hines. He emphasized that the safety of our children is a high priority in CISD. Intervention measures and emergency preparedness measures were outlined to the committee members for informational purposes and to remind them that all members of the CISD community must plan for emergency and crisis situations to prevent them, prepare for them if they should happen, respond appropriately if /when they should occur, and plan for a healthy recovery in the event of a crisis. Those four components are the phases of a required Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) required by SB 11. Dr. Hines reminded the committee that CISD was awarded a Department of Education Grant and has used funds from the grant to conduct facility audits, purchase communication equipment, strengthen and revise existing EOPs, coordinate drills with outside agencies and increase the number of NIMS (National Incident Management System) trained staff.

Overview of District Awards for Teacher Excellence (D.A.T.E.)

Dr. Chris Hines shared information about the D.A.T.E. or District Award for Teacher Excellence grant with the members of the committee. He explained that the grant was created by HB 1 in the 79th Legislatures in 2006 for the purposes of supporting school districts with developing a financial reward system for teachers, awarding teachers for positively impacting student achievement, and promoting improved instruction, particularly by targeting the district's most in-need campuses. If approved for the grant CISD would award approximately \$2M to staff members at 24 campuses. Dr. Hines explained that the plan is not finalized and is subject to change. The discussion with the committee included district beliefs and why CISD is choosing to participate in the grant, the measures utilized to determine performance, which staff members are eligible, and which schools would be eligible to participate and why they were chosen. A timeline overview was shared along with the monetary awards being considered and how the funds will be distributed.

Next Meeting Date

March 26, 2008

Adjournment

Mr. Crowl adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

