

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

March 26, 2008

Minutes

Members in Attendance

Teachers:

The Woodlands College Park Attendance Zone-Marie Moen, College Park High; Oak Ridge Attendance Zone-Debbie Dupre, Vogel Intermediate and Chelsea Green, York Junior High; The Woodlands Attendance Zone-Ashley Pointer, McCullough Junior High.

Parents:

The Woodlands College Park Attendance Zone-Jenny Wright, Hailey Elementary

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; Caney Creek Attendance Zone-Cindy Lentz, Austin Elementary; The Woodlands College Park Attendance Zone-Chris McCord, McCullough Junior High; Oak Ridge Attendance Zone-Gena Jerkins, York Junior High; The Woodlands Attendance Zone-Marie Hartley, Wilkerson Intermediate

Community/Business:

Oak Ridge Attendance Zone-Venetia Wilks, Community; The Woodlands Attendance Zone-John Hennigan, Community

Facilitator:

Dr. Jean Stewart, Deputy Superintendent of Schools

Call to Order

Dr. Jean Stewart 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 February 20, 2008 meeting, and they were unanimously approved as submitted.

Review of Board Meetings:

Dr. Jean Stewart reviewed the summary of the March 25, 2008 meeting of the Conroe ISD Board of Trustees.

Mascot for Tom Cox, Sr. Intermediate School

Ken Sharples, principal of the new Tom Cox, Sr. Elementary explained the process which was utilized to determine a recommendation for the school's mascot. The committee was asked to approve the recommendation that the Cox mascot be the Timberwolves. A suggested picture of the mascot was also presented. The Committee unanimously approved. The recommendation will be presented to the Board at the April, 2008 meeting.

Referendum

The committee received information about the 2008 Bond Referendum from Dr. Chris Hines. The bond package approved by the Board totals \$527 M and is being recommended due to anticipated growth and safety and security enhancements throughout CISD. The Facilities Planning Committee, composed of fifteen members, made the recommendation to the Board after an extensive process to review the needs of the district. The committee began their work in October of 2007 by evaluating the current demographics of the district and reviewing a current study of projected enrollment through the year 2016. The total enrollment in 2011 is projected to be 54,599 and in the next ten years CISD is projected to add over 10,000 new students. The committee also reviewed the Bond Election of 2004. Information was presented to committee members based on the survey of facility needs from principals and the analysis of existing schools and ancillary needs. Multiple options and solutions were evaluated and discussed by the committee with the outcome of this recommendation:

1. The construction of 7 new schools
 - a. Two new Junior High Schools
 - b. One new Intermediate School
 - c. Four new Elementary Schools
2. Additions and Renovations:
 - a. Convert Peet JHS to serve as CHS 9th grade campus
 - b. Major addition at Travis Intermediate
 - c. Major classroom and core space addition at San Jacinto Elementary
 - d. Classroom addition at Deretchin Elementary
 - e. Classroom addition at Tough Elementary
 - f. Major classroom and core space addition at TWCPHS
3. Campus and Ancillary Improvements throughout CISD and safety and security enhancements

The CISD financial advisors project that the 2008 CISD bond program will cost 10 cents on the tax rate. The 2004 bond program was originally projected to cost taxpayers 9.75 cents on the debt service tax rate. However, the actual impact on the tax rate was 3.75 cents (approximately 40% of the original projection). Numerous community organizations have issued resolutions in support of the Bond Referendum. Early voting will begin April 28, 2008 and Election Day will be May 10, 2008.

Texas Educator Excellence Grant Approval

Dr. Cathy Gibson gave a review of the Texas Educator Excellence Grant (TEEG) Awards for 2008-2009 and announced the recipients for Cycle 3. The schools eligible are Anderson Elementary, Creighton Elementary, Grangerland Intermediate, Houston Elementary and Reaves Elementary. Campus eligibility is based on high percentages of economically disadvantaged students and TAKS performance. The purpose of this non competitive grant has been



designed to reward educators who have demonstrated high levels of student achievement or marked improvement in student performance. The committee approved the TEEG Awards proposal. The proposal will now go to the Board for approval.

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

Dr. Chris Hines reviewed the District Awards for Teacher Excellence (D.A.T.E.) grant plan that the Board of Trustees approved at the March 25, 2008 meeting. The grant was created by House Bill I, Article IV of the 79th Texas Legislature in 2006. The purpose of the awards is to support districts in starting or establishing financial reward systems 1) that award teachers for positively impacting student achievement; 2) that target the district's most in-need campuses; and 3) that create capacity and sustainability for improve instruction within the district. CISD is eligible to receive approximately \$2.6M. At least 60% of the total grant funds (Part 1) must be used to award classroom teachers

who positively impact student achievement. The committee recommended that TAKS be used as the measure for student achievement. Part II awards can be up to 40% of the grant funds to award all teachers and librarians. Twenty-two campuses that are eligible to participate in this grant have elected to do so.

An overview of this grant was previously discussed at the February meeting. More specific details of the plan were shared with the Committee, specifically the Performance 2-Year Goals for Part 1A Award. The grant application must be submitted to the Texas Education Agency by April 8, 2008. The committee unanimously approved the grant.

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Adjournment:

Dr. Stewart adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.