

PTA/PTO Presidents and Principals' Meeting

Welcome:

Dr. Don Stockton, Superintendent, welcomed the PTA/PTO Presidents and Principals and thanked them for attending the meeting. He provided the attendees with updated information of the efforts by District employees during Hurricane Ike and reported that minimal damage occurred during the storm. He provided a brief update on the District's financial situation stating that the District is in a great financial position, but also taking measures to remain in this strong financial position. He shared that the voters elected Chris Irish during the CISD Board Special Election held November 4th. He also reported that all principals are meeting with him to share their academic plans for the school year.

Secondary Report: Transition to End of Course Exams

A report on the status of the performance of CISD students on several indicators was presented to the group by Dr. Chris Hines, Associate Superintendent. His report included information about graduation requirements which revealed that 76.5% of CISD students graduate on the Recommended Plan. He also shared that CISD students are out-performing the State and the Nation in SAT and ACT scores and that more students are enrolling in Advanced Placement (AP) courses and Dual Credit courses. He reported that changes are being proposed for GPA (Grade Placement Average) by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board with the new recommendations slated to begin in 2010. End of Course Exams, another new initiative from the State, was explained. Hines reported that freshman high school students in the year 2011 will take these exams instead of the current TAKS Test. Hines also shared that the graduating class of 2008 had 67% of the students enter a four year college, 17% a junior college, 2% vocational school and 3% joined the military.

PTO/PTA: Sharing Our Good News:

Principals and their presidents shared great activities taking place on their campuses. Schools that shared were:

Senior High

Caney Creek High SchoolTrish McClure, *Principal*

Junior High

McCullough Junior HighChris McCord, *Principal*

Intermediate

Cox Intermediate SchoolKen Sharples, *Principal*

Elementary

Rice Elementary SchoolCarrie Fitzpatrick, *Principal*

Closing:

Dr. Jean Stewart, Deputy Superintendent, concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and noted a future meeting date of March 11, 2009 at 9 a.m. in the Sadler Administration Building.