

PTA/PTO Presidents' and Principals' Meeting

Welcome

Dr. Jean Stewart, Deputy Superintendent, welcomed the PTA/PTO Presidents and Principals and thanked them for attending. She reviewed with the group that the guidelines for PTA/PTO organizations are posted on the District website and that Teresa Carpenter, Internal Auditor, is always available for any needed assistance. She also requested that all schools turn in their list of officers and last school year's financial statements (2005-06), if they have not already done so. Dr. Stewart then reviewed the student growth that is occurring throughout the District and told attendees that a firm has been hired to conduct a demographic study of the District to assist in future planning.

School Safety

Dr. Chris Hines, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, gave an overview of the District's safety plan and shared that CISD recently received a School Emergency Response and Crisis Management Plan Discretionary Grant from the Department of Education. He explained that safety is a priority and that the District is required to have an Emergency Operating Plan (EOP). This plan must contain the following elements: training, mandatory school drills, measures to ensure coordination with local emergency management agencies, and implementation of a security audit. The goals for the EOP are to eliminate and reduce hazards and security risks, respond effectively to an emergency, minimize the loss of life and property, and return to learning as quickly as possible.

Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, and Post-High School Report

A report on the status of the performance of CISD students in Advanced Placement courses and tests, Dual Credit enrollment, and education after high school was given by Dr. Chris Hines. The District has seen a steady upward trend in the number of CISD students enrolling in advanced placement and dual credit classes and more are taking the Advanced Placement Tests to receive college credit while still in high school.

CISD students are also out-performing the State and the Nation in SAT and ACT scores, with the most recent SAT combined mean score being at an all-time high of 1087. The District had 24 National Merit Semi-Finalists and seventy-nine percent of CISD graduates enter a two or four-year college or university with the highest enrollment at Montgomery College, The University of Texas, and Texas A&M University. While these reports are impressive, Dr. Hines also shared that the District is striving for continuous improvement.

PTO/PTA: Sharing Our Good News

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

Senior High.....The Woodlands High School
Junior High.....Washington Junior High School
Intermediate.....Vogel Intermediate School
Elementary.....Austin Elementary School

Closing

Dr. Stewart concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and noted a future meeting date:

March 7, 2007.....9:00 a.m.