

## PTA/PTO Presidents and Principals' Meeting

### **Welcome and Overview of Conroe Independent School District:**

Dr. Don Stockton, Superintendent, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their contribution to the great start of a new year. He began the presentation of the overview of the District by proudly announcing that the 2009 District Accountability Rating from the Texas Education Agency earned CISD an academic rating of Recognized and that the CISD high school completion rate is 98.2%. His presentation included District demographics, standardized test score results, and the 2009-2010 Adopted Budget and Tax Rate.

### **Legislative Update:**

Carrie Galatas, General Counsel, presented pertinent education and family information from the 81st Texas Legislative Session ending on June 1, 2009. She discussed thirteen bills with the group including HB 537 mandating that everyone wear a seatbelt in any vehicle, HB 55 restricting the use of cell phones in school zones and SB 61 which changed regulations regarding child safety seats.

### **Financial Guidelines:**

Teresa Carpenter, Internal Auditor, reminded everyone that many guidelines and procedures must be followed to maintain financial integrity at each campus. All were reminded about procedure GE which states that no employee of the District can serve as a treasurer nor sign bank checks and that the guidelines restrict principals from serving as board members. Information that needs to be sent to the Internal Auditor's office was discussed along with the deadlines. Mrs. Carpenter announced that a Sales Tax Seminar/Training will take place in late September or early October and that she will send them the exact date once it is established.

### **Parent Involvement:**

Dr. Jean Stewart, Deputy Superintendent, shared a document created with information gathered from the group from a meeting held last school year. The document is titled "Ways to Build Parent Involvement" and lists suggestions to increase parental participation. Elementary and secondary suggestions are incorporated in the document along with communication ideas and ways to grow and keep volunteers.

### **Sharing Our Good News:**

Principals and their presidents shared great activities taking place on the campuses to promote parental involvement and enhance educational and social opportunities for students. Schools that shared were:

Senior High.....Mike Crowl, *Conroe High School*

Junior High.....Joe Daw, *Knox Junior High School*

Intermediate ....Karen Jones, *Grangerland Intermediate School*

Elementary.....Tara Vandermark, *Oak Ridge Elementary School*

### **Closing:**

Dr. Stewart concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and noted the dates, times, and location for future meetings.

November 4, 2009 9 a.m. Sadler Administration Building

March 10, 2010 9 a.m. Sadler Administration Building