



PTA/PTO Presidents and Principals' Meeting

Welcome:

Dr. Don Stockton, Superintendent, welcomed the PTA/PTO Presidents and Principals and thanked them for coming. He provided the attendees with updated information on the District's property tax, employee efforts during the crisis created by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and reviewed information from the last meeting of the Board of Trustees.

CISD Educational Support Group:

Teresa Carpenter, Internal Auditor, reviewed information regarding the CISD Educational Support Group, tax exempt numbers for campus PTO/PTA's and Booster Clubs, and establishing a 501.3C tax exempt status for campus support groups. She provided the audience with a handout that explained all of the above mentioned items and an application for a tax exempt number.

Community Relations:

Dr. Stewart, Deputy Superintendent, reviewed the committee's focus on community relations and the three programs to be highlighted in meetings program.

- **Special Education Resource Center:** Mary Kay Allbright, Director of Special Education Services, and Judie Hunter, Parent Liaison, presented a program highlighting the Special Ed. Parent Resource Center (SEPRC). The SEPRC was created as a result of the Special Ed. Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) and opened for business during the fall of the 2004-2005 school year. This center provides:
 1. A place for parents to meet
 2. Resources for parents
 3. Parent and student resource library
 4. Sibling support material
 5. Current information on federal and state law
- **Education for Tomorrow Alliance:** Dr. David Norton, Executive Director of Education for Tomorrow Alliance (EfTA), provided information on EfTA and the foundation of the alliance. Also shared was information on the programs available within the alliance. The programs are:
 1. Sci://TECH
 2. Where Wonder Meet Discovery
 3. Choices
 4. Student Internships
- **Newcomer Center:** Mary Byrne, Community Liaison, was present to share information about the Newcomer Center that has offices located at Conroe High School, Caney Creek High School, and Oak Ridge Elementary. This vision evolved as the result of the Hispanic Achievement Advisory Council's desire to meet the needs of the growing population of newcomers to this community. The center handles referrals and questions from students, parents, community members, teachers, and administrators. Over the last two years the center has handled over 8,000 calls for help and direction.

PTO/PTA: Sharing Our Good News!

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

- Senior High – Conroe High School Mike Crowl
- Intermediate School – Grangerland Intermediate SchoolTammy Hamilton
- Intermediate – Mitchell Intermediate SchoolPaula Klapesky
- Elementary – Oak Ridge Elementary SchoolTara Vandermark

Closing

Dr. Stewart concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and noted the date of the next meeting.

- March 8, 2006