

**District Site Base Meeting**  
**12-3-09**

I. Introductions

- Introductions—LaFreniere, Harkins, Wakefield, Edwards, McBride, McPherson, Moats, McMurry, Gage, Smith, McCutchen, R. Meadows, Hardy, S. Meadows, Chapman, Dial, Gentry, McCasey, & Seckman
- Mrs. Seckman reviewed policy and guidelines for the District-level Planning and Decision-making Committee in accordance to legal and local policy. (See Handout)
- Mrs. Seckman offered copies of minutes from the previous district site base meeting for any committee member present.
- Mrs. Seckman reviewed board goals. Committee members are divided into groups to discuss the goals and elicit input from parents, community, and parents on implementation. (See Handout)

II. Assessment/Accountability

- Dr. Hardy addressed the goal of increasing student achievement for campus and district level assessments. Our district goal is to be an exemplary district. Graphs were viewed with data from 1999-2009 in each subject area. AEIS data was reviewed for subgroups of economically disadvantaged, gender, and ethnicity for the campus and district compared to the state average. An area of weakness of low socio-economic was noted as well as strength for our Hispanic students. Our state drop-out rate is 2.2% and our district rate is .4%. This was noted as strength for our district. Attendance rate for the state is 95.5% and our district is 95.8%. We would like to see our district increase to 97%. (See Draft DIP)

III. Curriculum & Budget Allotments

- Vertical teams have begun in Math (JH/HS) followed by (JH/Int.). Upcoming will be a meeting between (Int./Elem.)
- Mrs. Seckman reviewed the board goals and the universal traits and behaviors that the school board would like to see students acquire while at Paradise ISD.
- Mrs. Seckman reviewed the Title Fund statements and budget allotment for federal funds. She explained each area and what expenditures would be covered. Purchases were explained and how each program purchased touches students in the district.

IV. Parent Involvement

- Mrs. Seckman reviewed the Parent Involvement Policy under Board Policy.
- Mrs. Gage reported that according to the conversations she had at the conference, Paradise is doing very well in the area of parent involvement.
- Mrs. Meadows reported on the recent 2009 NCLB Title 1 Parent Involvement Conference attended by Meadows, Garrett, Gage, and Buckner. Sessions included completing a parent involvement policy for campuses and district level as well as how to involve parents on important topics such as sexting, internet use, bullying, etc.
- Mrs. McCasey asked if we could have parent nights for a computer lab to teach parents Microsoft programs, email, etc.

- Mrs. Smith, parent, asked to see more activities for the parents at the JH level. She would like to see more activities to help with concepts from Rise and Shine, manners, parent involvement, etc. She expressed concern that parents feel disconnected at the secondary level. Suggestions included having PALs come over to the JH as a whole to talk to the students about certain topics.
- An idea of advertising parent nights in the local paper *Southern Wise Times* was suggested. Mrs. McBride asked if we could have some type of drug information program for parents. Mr. Wakefield suggested having our local SRO, Elijah Payne, and DPS officers to talk about drugs that are in the community and coming from other areas in Texas.
- Mrs. Dial recommended checking the district calendar to schedule activities so that parents can attend.

V. Safety/Security & Construction

- Mr. Chapman discussed safety and security for the district. Areas noted in green were items tagged by the school board and community as items of importance. Security and safety was a top priority. Access systems with card readers and camera systems will be installed in all campuses. A parent will have his/her driver's license scanned upon entry. The district was under budget for bond items so the school district should be able to complete the projects listed on the Construction Report. (See Construction Document)

VI. District Plan Revisions

- Mrs. Seckman asked for the committees to review the goals in the district improvement plan and report back by December 11, 2009.

VII. Other

- Mrs. Smith inquired how often a SRO is on campus. Mr. McPherson said her office is in Chico, but she is available when we call. It does take her a while to get here; however, she is spread out between 4 districts