

**Central Texas Tech Prep Consortium
Quarterly Board Meeting
Louise Cox Board Room, Temple College Pavilion – Temple, Texas
August 15, 2007**

Minutes

Members Present:

Alison Belliveau, Temple ISD
Laurel Blair, Killeen ISD
Debbie Gommert, Central Texas Workforce Center
Dave Hermann, The Range
Ken Higdon, Temple Chamber of Commerce
Don Owens, University of Mary Hardin Baylor
Crickett Rogers, Central Texas College
David Smith, Marble Falls ISD
Danette Toone, Temple College
Dana Watson, Central Texas College
Ken Von Gonten, Belton ISD

Members Absent:

Jody Askins, Wilsonart International
Kathy Gentry, ESC Region 12
Kimberley Mason, Taylor ISD
Elaine Passman, Silver Eagle Coins and Collectables
Sarina Swindell, Tarleton State University - Central Texas
Wanda Williams, Central Texas Workforce Development Board
Carla Kay Wright, College of Cosmetology
Jim Yeonopolus, Killeen Chamber of Commerce

Staff:

Sherry Hollinger, Director
Misty Harrell, Outreach Coordinator
Carol Lance, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order:

Debbie Gommert called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were approved as printed.

3rd/4th Quarter Written Reports:

Sherry Hollinger discussed upcoming events for the fall. She reported that as of July 31st, all but eight percent of the budget has been spent. She stated that we are on target with the budget and that we should spend around 98 percent of our grant.

Perkins Grant 2007/2008:

Sherry discussed a handout titled “Perkins IV Update – Technical Assistance Workshop” which was distributed to members for their review. Sherry informed the board that there is a need to incorporate business and industry into our plan. She stated that she is looking for ideas from the board to better serve the students in our area. She stressed that Tech Prep can be an agent to help us in the areas that we need to grow and that we need to add new members in the business and industry area.

Sherry stated that the Perkins IV Notice of Award should be received by September 1 and that she anticipates we will receive what we requested.

Subgrants for FY 2008:

Debbie Gommert suggested that we appoint a sub-committee for subgrants. She explained what is expected of the committee members and asked if there were ways that economic development could be included in part of the subgrant for this year. Debbie stated that she would serve on this committee and appointed Wanda Williams, Ken Higdon and Dave Hermann. Jody Askins also will be asked to serve.

Ken Higdon asked what classes are available to students at the high school level and how do we partner with industry. Debbie referred to Belton’s Health Career Program where students are aligned to fill a demand occupation and stated that small schools could still tie their classes into the emerging occupations. Sherry mentioned that business and industry could pay an important role at articulation meetings. Dave Hermann suggested that a two or three year plan be devised to aid in bringing a continuation process.

Debbie recommended the idea of extra points being awarded for the progress made the previous year on the ISD’s subgrant if they desire continuation. Sherry commented that she liked that idea as well.

Ken Von Gonten asked if there would be incentives for the small schools to help get programs developed that could benefit multiple school districts. Debbie suggested that funds other than subgrant money to be used for the group projects. Sherry stated that there should be some money to be used for this type of activity.

Ken Von Gonten expressed how he had hoped to have two or three programs with Temple College and Texas State Technical Institute offered for students. Ken stated that the contact person with Belton is Darrell Becker. Debbie stated that Sherry will follow-up with Ken Von Gonten to see what needs they may have.

Nominating Committee Report:

Debbie reminded the board that a nominating committee was appointed at the last meeting. Laurel Blair, Sarina Swindell and Ken Von Gonten served on the committee. Laurel reported that Kathy Genty, Don Owens, Ken Von Gonten, Wanda Williams and Jim Yeonopolus agreed to serve another term. Karen

Denney has been invited to fill Coley Howell's position. Debbie announced that Laurel Blair has agreed to be nominated for chair and Don Owens has agreed to be nominated for vice-chair. The nominations were approved by acclamation. Sherry said that we need to suggest people from business and industry to be invited to join our board.

Other Business/Reports/Discussions:

Sherry presented certificates of appreciation to outgoing officers Debbie Gommert and Ken Von Gonten and thanked them for their years of service.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Hollinger