

**Central Texas Tech Prep Consortium
Quarterly Board Meeting
Temple College Health Sciences Center Conference Room
November 28, 2006**

Minutes

Members Present:

Jody Askins, Wilsonart International
Debbie Gommert, Central Texas Workforce Center
Dave Hermann, The Range
Ken Higdon, Temple Chamber of Commerce
Coley Howell, Copperas Cove ISD
Don Owens, University of Mary Hardin Baylor
Elaine Passman, Silver Eagle Coins and Collectables
David Smith, Marble Falls ISD
Sarina Swindell, Tarleton State University - Central Texas
Danette Toone, Temple College
Ken Von Gonten, Belton ISD
Dana Watson, Central Texas College
Wanda Williams, Central Texas Workforce Development Board

Members Absent:

Laurel Blair, Killeen ISD
Kathy Gentry, ESC Region 12
Kimberley Mason, Taylor ISD
Crickett Rogers, Central Texas College
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 12:10 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were approved as printed.

1st Quarter Written Reports:

Sherry Hollinger distributed copies of the consortium's annual report for 2005/2006 to board members. Danette Toone asked Sherry how the consortia ended with the grant. Sherry stated that 97 ½% of our monies were spent.

Nominating Committee Report:

Danette stated that Debbie Gommert agreed to serve as Chair and Ken Von Gonten as Vice Chair for another year. Ken Higdon moved that these officers be appointed and Wanda Williams seconded the nomination. The motion passed.

Sherry introduced Coley Howell from Copperas Cove ISD, Sarina Swindell from Tarleton State University - Central Texas, David Smith from Marble Falls ISD, and mentioned Kimberley Mason from Taylor ISD as the four new board members.

Sherry asked the board for input on filling the vacancy due to the death of Ernest Knox. Sherry mentioned that Debra Knox was interested in serving in his place. Ken Higdon suggested that the board wait a while and give the district time to address the situation. Debbie suggested that this vacancy be revisited prior to the next meeting.

Misty Harrell informed the board that Ernest was the peer mentor for Temple ISD for the Tech Prep Ambassador program and asked what she was to do about filling this spot. Debbie suggested that Temple ISD be contacted to find out who they would like to approve as the new contact.

Subgrant Committee Report:

Wanda reported that she is chairperson and that Jody Askins, Debbie Gommert, Dave Hermann, Ken Higdon and Carla Wright served on the committee. The committee received 21 subgrant applications to review totaling \$89,000 and funded 15 subgrants at no more than \$5,000 each totaling about \$54,000. Wanda stated that three subgrants were not funded; there were three alternates, one of which has already been funded and she was pleased with the committee and its reviews. Wanda stated that there were a mixture of standard subgrant requests consisting of equipment, software, supplemental books and Real Babies and no surprise requests. The committee slightly exceeded the suggested total because the ISDs usually do not spend all the allotted monies.

Other Business/Reports/Discussions:

Sherry distributed a handout titled "Resolution for the Support of the East Williamson County Higher Education Center" to members for their review. She stated that we were already performing these functions. She and Board Chair, Debbie Gommert, will sign it.

Sherry discussed the National Tech Prep Conference stating that about five people were sponsored to attend. She primarily attended sessions on the Perkins IV. She reported that the state has the option of merging Tech Prep funds into the basic grant. Sherry discussed the four different funding considerations listed in a handout and stated that Texas may want to go with Option 1 due to the state law separating the funds and asked that board members send any comments or questions that they may have to her by next week. Debbie asked that written comments be sent to Sherry.

Danette asked how difficult it was for ISDs to work with TEA. David Smith stated that it was an easy process.

Ken Von Gonten questioned if there would be any change with the 16 Career Cluster initiatives with the new Perkins law.

Danette stated that the Texas Bioscience Institute should be completed in December and that the grand opening should take place on January 11. President Bush has been asked to be the keynote speaker. There were 44 students enrolled for the pilot program this year and it has been a learning process. Biotechnology classes will be offered next semester.

Ken Von Gonten stated that Temple College, Texas State Technical College and Region 12 ESC were conducting a student survey. Information gathered will be used to develop dual credit classes for students. Classes would be housed at different ISDs and be opened up to other ISDs' students.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Hollinger