

**Central Texas Tech Prep Consortium  
Quarterly Board Meeting  
Killeen Workforce Center – Killeen, Texas  
August 16, 2006**

**Minutes**

***Members Present:***

Laurel Blair, Killeen ISD  
Debbie Gommert, Central Texas Workforce Center  
Dave Hermann, The Range  
Ernest Knox, Temple High School  
Elaine Passman, Silver Eagle Coins and Collectables  
Crickett Rogers, Central Texas College  
Danette Toone, Temple College  
Ken Von Gonten, Belton ISD  
Dana Watson, Central Texas College  
Wanda Williams, Central Texas Workforce Development Board  
Carla Kay Wright, College of Cosmetology  
Jim Yeonopolus, Killeen Chamber of Commerce

***Members Absent:***

Jody Askins, Wilsonart International  
Kathy Gentry, ESC Region 12  
Ken Higdon, Temple Chamber of Commerce  
Jeannie Hill, Taylor ISD  
Don Owens, University of Mary Hardin Baylor  
Sandra Richardson, Marble Falls ISD  
Carolyn Taylor, Copperas Cove High School  
Charles Stout, Temple College

***Staff:***

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

***Call to Order:***

Debbie Gommert called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

***Approval of Minutes:***

The minutes were approved as printed.

***Technology Centers:***

Nelda Howton reported that a bolt cutting ceremony was held on August 15, 2006 for the Texas Bioscience Institute. There are 58 students registered to participate. The East Williamson County program has received the Early College/High School designation by the Higher Education Board. Taylor ISD has been selected for staff development in science and math funding through the T-STEM award to Region 13 and Region 20 Service Centers.

The Texas Bioscience Institute Middle College has been selected as a T-STEM Early Innovator Academy which is funded through the Dell Foundation, Gates Foundation, and state of Texas. From this, the TBI receives \$150,000. The Texas Bioscience Institute was selected by the Bayer Corporation as a national "Best Practice" math and science program and representatives will be honored in Washington D.C. on Sept. 29-30, 2006.

***Written Reports:***

Sherry Hollinger discussed the updated activity report that had been distributed to all board members today. Sherry provided an update on the Financial Report stating that 85% of the grant monies had been spent to date with 15% remaining. The goal is to spend 95% by August 31. Sherry stated that if 95% of budgeted monies is spent, consortia are eligible for any reallocation monies for next year. Sherry stated that this year we received between \$3000 and \$4000. Information about the grant for 2006-07 was also distributed.

***Perkins Update:***

Sherry Hollinger discussed the Tech Prep Directors Quarterly Meeting. She stated that the House and Senate had voted overwhelmingly in favor of Perkins IV and the bill has gone to the President. 2006-2007 will be a transition year. The term Vocational will be replaced with Career and Technology. There has been a set aside for Tech Prep. Each state has the option to combine Tech Prep into the Basic Perkins grant. Tech Prep coding for students may change with the new Perkins legislation.

***Nominating Committee:***

Danette Toone reported that she had sent emails to committee members whose terms were expiring in 2006. She had not heard from Charles Stout. His term has expired and he has not attended meetings for a while. Sandra Richardson resigned from Marble Falls and David Smith is willing to serve as her replacement. Jeannie Hill from Taylor will not be serving next year. Jody Askins, Debbie Gommert, Crickett Rogers, Carla Wright and Danette Toone have agreed to stay on the board. Also, a replacement is needed for Carolyn Taylor from Copperas Cove who is retiring. Sherry Hollinger stated that Coley Howell would be a good candidate. Wanda Williams suggested that a representative from Tarleton be considered. New members will be voted on via email prior to the next meeting.

***Subgrant Committee:***

Sherry Hollinger stated \$40,000 to \$50,000 is available for subgrants for the coming year. A committee to review the subgrants needs to be appointed. Subgrant packets would be sent out in September, with proposals due at the end of October or first of November. Debbie Gommert asked Board Members to email thoughts and ideas about the subgrant focus for this year. Ken Von Gonten suggested that ideas be included for the 16 Career Clusters.

Danette Toone stated that she is looking to conduct surveys with Region 12, TSTC, CTC, TC and High Schools for Technical Dual Credit to find out needs. Danette stated that this might be a thought for subgrants. Ernest Knox stated that Temple ISD will have four Academies.

Debbie Gommert asked Carla Wright, Wanda Williams and Dave Hermann to serve and will ask Ken Higdon or Jody Askins to serve as well. Wanda Williams will chair the committee. The committee will start in October.

***Other Business/Reports/Discussions:***

Sherry reported that there will not be a Tech Prep State Conference this year unless TEA takes it over.

Sherry suggested that money set aside for the state conference be used by partners to attend the National Conference in the event there is not a State Conference. School district contacts will be notified of the available funding for this conference and it will be published in Tech Prep Tuesday. Funding amounts will be determined after recipient requests are submitted. Ken Von Gonten asked Sherry's thoughts on the National Conference as to who it is geared toward.

Sherry reported that the notice of award for the coming year's grant should be received by September 1, 2006.

***Adjournment:***

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sherry Hollinger