

Akins Campus Advisory Council Minutes

December 4, 2013

Members Present:

Melissa Contreras	Mark Martinez	Jeannie McGough
Gayle Ferguson	Shawn Mena	
Vickie Black	Beverly Mendez	
Lisa Beach	Darren Masur	
Ethan Peters	Jesus Valles-Morales	

Call to Order:

Melissa Contreras, Co-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Minutes:

No comments and none were offered. Call for approval of minutes. The DAC report needs to be corrected. The meeting time was not reflected in this report. There are two meeting dates. These were not corrected. The meeting dates were October 23 and 24th. These still need to be corrected. Jeannie proposes to accept and it is seconded by Ethan Peters.

Reports:

- **Principal's report:**

Mr. Girard was not present but Ms. Mena reported. Ms. Mena began by discussing the recent tragedy on campus of Steven Vega. She stated that he was not at the meeting because he was attending the funeral. Mr. Ruiz is retiring after 12 years of service at Akins. Mr. Girard is in the process of looking for his replacement. There are 800 people in the pool and 48 applicants. There is an English teacher opening. Interviews have taken place and a final decision should be made by Friday. Mr. Girard and Ms. Hosack attended the BTEN conference with individuals from Baltimore and Austin. Akins has decided to duplicate the model from BTEN. All administrators will create their own personal models and will conduct 220 walk-throughs this year. This is a commitment to teacher instruction for our students. REACH requirements for the basket of measures will include a college readiness goal of 65% for FASFA and EOC Biology goal is 85%. The MOY data shows that at first glance Akin's scores are comparable to like schools. SPED students are given the same test that regular students receive.

Comments:

This year the English IV Dual credit was on campus. Ms. Black thinks some kids got confused and had to be dropped. The students need to have clear expectations when there is a Dual Credit class. Jeannie McGough stated that is not the first Dual Credit class that has been offered, It is the first English IV class that has been offered during the day. Jeannie stated that she has taught an ACC course and that the kids came in and were basically successful. The kids adjust once they realize that they are required to meet the standards of the syllabus. These courses have to maintain college level standards. Ms. Black suggested more education on expectation for college level requirements be stated by the teacher and the syllabus including discussion. This clarification can be stated that we need a portable or a sign that reminds the students that they are in a college course as well as a high school class.

Ethan moved to accept and Jeannie seconded.

- **DAC – Vickie Black:** Ms. Black reported that the DAC will not be meeting this month. There is no real report to give. Reminder that meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month from 430-630 board auditorium on 6th street. In January DAC will be on their road trip. It will be at Ann Richards school of Young Women Leaders. Interesting to know what each campus thinks should be a priority. Jeannie moved to accept the minutes and Mark seconded.

- **Academies Report:**

Social Services: Academy day. 275 participants. AHA has a musical You are a Good Man Charlie Brown. The Holiday Extravaganza will be on December 13th. Speech team is traveling to Abilene next week for a speech tournament.

Aces Park Ranger internship going well. Students worked with P&R. This Friday vet clinic up and running for shots and grooming.

ABLE: Williams is now certified for a 911 center.

STEM: Jeannie was working on getting some swag and order t-shirts. A&M field trip for January. Go in and see the engineering centers at A&M. Conference in February called Best Practices in Dallas. CANstruction got best high school at their competition at Barton Creek Mall. F-1 won group identity at the international tournament. Getting ready for the VEX in March. Do shout outs on EDMODO when they are accepted to colleges.

Comments:

Ms. Mendez expressed concern over the competitiveness of the shirts for the academy. Can there be a standard for the shirts to be blue and gold with a banner that reflects the school across the academy. Jeannie stated that this could be a discussion that could be addressed by the academy coordinators. Ms. Mendez wants us to look more like Akins when individuals walk in the door. There was a discussion to make sure that school colors are reflected of the school.

Motion to approve the AC report by Mark and seconded by Ethan

- **PTSA**

Ms. Mena reported that a new President for PTSA was elected, Mr. Dylan Gerald, Twilight Program Director.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was presented.

Public Comments:

There is pot luck and cookies with Santa on December 11th at 5:30-7:00 in the Akins Library.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held January 8th.

Jeannie motioned to adjourn. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion.