

Southwest Region Center

Southwest Region PAC Minutes, September 10, 2007

Arlene DeAngelo opened the meeting with introductions around the room;

Arlene introduced Dr. Jolene Wallace, SW Region **Superintendent**;

Dr. Wallace informed us of Sam Farraro's (**past SW Regional PAC president**) passing and that if we wanted to give a kind word to his family, we could through Hayes Elementary. There is memorial at Hayes ES in his honor.

Dr. Wallace preceded with a digital presentation and discussion on the SW Region 2006 - 2007 AYP Points of Interest where she explained:

IEP = Individual Education Plan

FRL = Free and Reduce Lunch

LEP = Limited English Proficiency

She went on to say this year 35 schools made AYP whereas in 2006 -2007, 33 schools made AYP. She continued to say they didn't want the schools to jump from the bottom to the top overnight, but to continue a steady progress to the top. You can find various plaques and awards for AYP progress on display at your child's school.

The presentation continued:

4 exemplary: Bendorf ES, Blue Diamond ES, Goolsby ES, and Sandy Valley ES
10 high achieving schools: Batterman ES, Frias ES, Ober ES, H.M. Smith ES, Tanaka ES, Guinn MS, Community College HS East, Community College HS South, and Community College HS West

Q. Do all schools have this information?

A. The schools have only their information, but the CCSD information is for the public. We are attaching a copy of the entire presentation to these minutes.

Q. Why do you do a computer sign in?

A. To check to see if you're a parent and to track hours. The equipment also checks for child predators.

Dr. Wallace reported that 185 funds (formerly 404) have been allocated. The Region does not have as much money as they did in the past, but they are continuing the programs already in place. The Region does not intend to continually start new programs every year. What is in place is working, and the intent is to continue on a steady course with those programs. Durango High School had a very large jump in its graduation rate last year, and it is attributed to

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keeping a steady course and focus on what is already being done in that area. The Region articulation teams will also remain in place.

Q. When kids go from elementary to middle school and middle school to high school with juniors and seniors we know kids are petrified, is there a program in place where the incoming students can learn about their schools before school starts?

Yes, many schools have orientation/bridge sessions for parents and students. The Articulation Teams are working on that issue too.

Introduction of Eva Melendrez, Parent Service Coordinator;

Eva went to explain her position as a parent to district Liaison. She came on board little over a year ago and wanted to be a resource for parenting workshops. She organizes resources to pull more parents into schools. There is a big focus on reasons why parents don't get involved with schools. Eva went on to explain some of the state level programs which are supposed to be a way for parents who are away to check homework and to check to see if they've arrived to school on time.

Eva went on to continue saying a state wide parent coordinator was put in place and researched a lot of districts. They are working with PERK and doing a lot of state wide training with parents and teachers in workshops, with some work shops on Nov 2nd, 3rd, 4th, (possibly). They will be paid for by grants and held at the East Regional Training Center. Other programs are FLIGHT P = Parent Literacy and PSPT = Parent School Partners Training.

Introduction of Mary Jo Malloy , NQE = Nevadans For Quality Education;

Mary Jo announced the AYP list community meeting Sept 16th 4pm, and explained all states write their own report. Also the F-Troop meeting on Wed. at Lawrence MS. 9:30 am. You will find a lot of information at: www.nevadansforqualityeducation.org

Arlene handed out 3x5 index to submit any questions or issues and closed the meeting.

The meeting ended at 11:00 AM