

Western Texas College
P-16 Collaborative Meeting
December 3, 2007

Welcome – Dr. Dreith

Those in attendance: Tondi Jeter–Jayton ISD, Janell Jones–Snyder ISD, Carolyn Welcome–Tech Prep-Abilene TSTC, Marsha Alexander–Roscoe ISD, Leslie Kupatt–Rule ISD, Glenna Stuart–Roby ISD, Tricia Spikes–Rotan ISD, Bobbie Hale–Ira ISD, Jay Waller–Ira ISD, Kyle Smith, Mike Dreith, Jerry Dever, Lana Culpepper, Dr. Jim Palmer, Ralph Ramon, Bridgette Thompson, and Laura Caswell

Lunch – Catered by WTC Cafeteria

Extended welcome to all in attendance and highlights of Achieve Texas – follow-up from meeting in Abilene. – Laura Caswell

Explanation of P16 and direction students from grade school up need to be taking to be college ready. This included both academic skills training as well as reference course collaborative efforts. Emphasis on the need for an area council was discussed and an invitation to join was offered to those in attendance. – Kyle Smith

Handouts from Laura Caswell included information regarding ‘Achieve Texas’ and an example of Recommended and Distinguished High School Four Year Plans. One example was an Agricultural Science & Technology High School Plan. Jenny Coffee, Counselor of Breckenridge High School designed these plans and gave permission to Laura to share these with attendees of this meeting.

Tables were divided into two groups to collaborate needs of their schools and communities.

Ideas mentioned from table 1: Credit for Ag Tech, Business Management, Family Consumer Science. Need for Medical, GLT, and Wind Energy. Need in community for Medical Education involving: P.T., Sports Medicine, Radiology, Transcribing, Nursing, Home Health, CAN, Social Work, and Med Tech. Need in community for businesses: Financial, Accounting, and IT. Need for Building: Construction, Landscape, AC/Heating, Architect, Project Management, Maintenance, Electrician, Plumbing, Fiber Optics, and Drafting. Need in Public

Management: Policies, Environmental Sciences, HR, Engineers, Road Construction, Sheriffs, Police, and Firemen. Jerry asked each one at table, “Where would you like to see your schools two years down the road”? Answers: Students certified in specific trade with High School Diploma, Funding Sources, and Teaching Resources for College courses in High School. Currently most teachers are required to have BA/BS. Counselors as well as teachers are over tasked with “other duties assigned”. Retrain teachers for current demographics and critical thinking. More computer applications training for students in Microsoft office software, decrease time for ITV and increase internet classes. Schools desired need for WTC committee to travel to schools for ‘Parent Night’. Kyle suggested Distance Learning Panel.

Ideas mentioned from table 2: Ag – Horticulture classes in High School, Accounting – Business, Desktop Publishing, and Family Consumer Science. Psychology 1300, Health related occupations, Welding, BCIS and Tech-Prep.

‘Where do we go from here’: Address the issue of smaller schools ‘need’ does differ from larger schools. The majority of our surrounding schools are smaller school districts.

Closing remarks – Holiday is fast approaching so a reminder of testing times available in the Counseling Department for placement test. We are willing to go to school campus to administer placement test. Janell Jones requested an evening time or Saturday morning at SISD for test...12:30 p.m. testing time is requiring students to miss class. She would like to see testing time moved to evening. – Jerry Dever

Evaluation of meeting was handed out with general positive remarks from all.

End of meeting.