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## Education Council Meeting

### June 5, 2007 / 4:00 pm Chamber Community Room

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**Present:** Jane Ainsworth, Dr. Eric Wright, Jerry Huffman, Bobbie Davis, Cooper Castleberry, Heather Kartye, Susie Cardwell, Royce Garrett, Dorothy Wilson, Charlene Meadows, Dr. Larry Phillips, Allen Garner, Ralph Marshall, Sallye Darmstadter, Mary Ann Whiteker, Leon Manning and Bonnie Denman presiding.

Bonnie Denmon, Education Council Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:04pm. The meeting started with introductions by all attendees.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Jane Ainsworth and a second by Dr. Eric Wright.

Denmon reviewed the six priorities that were established in the previous meeting as projects/goals that the Council would work to achieve.

#### **Priority #1: Develop Academy Centers on the Angelina College Campus**

Trey Henderson has accepted the chairmanship of this area. Mary Ann Whiteker and Jerry Huffman gave an overview of their trip to Spring, Texas ISD to visit the Carl Wenske High School and career academy. Mary Ann reminded that the Council to try not to focus on what we *cannot* do, but rather on what we *can* do. Everyone was encouraged to invite others interested in helping with Priority #1.

#### **Priority #2: Mentoring Program for the County**

In the absence of Dr. Charles Kent, who has accepted the chairmanship of this priority, Bobbie Davis of Gear Up told the Council that Dr. Kent had been to all the school districts to find out what programs they have in place.

#### **Priority #3: Job Shadowing/Internships**

Ronnie Robinson, who chairs the local Workforce Solutions Board will chair this area. Charlene Meadows of Workforce Solutions described a youth program that they offer that includes mentoring.

#### **Priority #4: Create New Academic Achievement Recognition Opportunities**

Bonnie is still waiting to hear from a prospective Chairman for this priority. The Priority would be about awarding scholars and how to reward students for academic achievement.

#### **Priority #5: Multi-Institutional Teaching Center**

Dr. Larry Phillips, who will chair this section, is planning to meet with SFA to set up courses that will be offered at Angelina College. Sam Houston State would be next on the list to visit for this same purpose.

#### **Priority #6: Teacher Recognition, Teacher Incentives and Coordination with the Business Community**

Leon Manning, chairman of this priority, announced the move of the Teachers of the Year award to October from May. This way the teacher can enjoy a full school year of recognition before the next year's winner is announced.

**Other business:**

The Council reviewed and completed the Committee Sign-Up Sheet and Jerry Huffman agreed to send the sheet out electronically to all attendees so they can use it for other interested parties.

Jane Ainsworth also commented that we needed to be sure to have student representatives on all our committees as well. Their perspective and input would be invaluable.

The Committee agreed to meet at 4:00 p.m. every other month instead of monthly to give the individual Priorities time to meet. The meetings will be held to an hour in length and will meet in the Community Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.