



Guilford County Schools Title I District Parent Advisory Council

Summary for December 7, 2005 at 11:30 AM

The District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) met on Wednesday, December 15, 2005 in the Purple Pod at the Gateway Education Center. The purpose was to meet the new Executive Director of Federal and Special Programs, provide information regarding Title I, and allow parents to share their success stories with parent involvement at their schools.

The following Title I DPAC members were present:

Kim Wise – Alderman
Dale Leach – Alderman
Angel Parker – Archer
Germaine Coggins – Bessemer
Penny Speas – Bluford
Wanda Peebles - Cone
Andrea King – Foust
Sherry Yawn – Frazier
Nancy Martinez – Guilford
Dara Morgan - Hunter
Wanda White - Jackson
Julia Vazquez – Lindley
Karin Young - Lindley

Lissa Harris – Murphey
Debbie Maines – Northwood
Kenneth Hairston - Sedgefield
Valarie Diggs - Vandalia
Stephanie Blake - Welborn
Karen Siler – Wiley
Aretha Lawson - Wiley
Dr. Don Hare – Title I
Carolyn Gilbert – Title I
Kelly Hales – Title I
Linda Mendenhall – Title I

Others present:

Tommy Williams – At Large

1. Dr. Hare, Executive Director of Federal and Special Programs, welcomed everyone and introduced himself and the Title I Staff. DPAC representatives introduced themselves, told what school they represented, and the grade level of their children.
2. Dr. Hare presented a Title I overview which focused on the history, purpose, sanctions, and guidelines associated with Title I funding. The Title I staff discussed the components of the schools' Title I plans and the inclusion of parent involvement within such plans. Members received various handouts including NEA Getting Involved in your Child's Education, Title I Parental Involvement Program Components, GCS Title I Parental Involvement Policy (First Reading), Supplemental Educational Services booklet, and the PowerPoint note taking guide.

3. Dara Morgan, parent representative from Hunter Elementary, shared a summary of the Title I parent trip to the National Coalition of ESEA Title I Parents National Convention held in Kentucky this November.
4. School representatives shared the spotlight:
 - ❖ Foust is holding GED classes (in conjunction with GTCC) for parents at the school site.
 - ❖ Lindley's parents are volunteering by answering phones and handling other clerical tasks as needed.
 - ❖ Alderman asked parents to complete a survey (English & Spanish versions available) indicating their interest in parent workshops. They are also holding adult basic skills courses through GTCC.
 - ❖ Frazier shared that parents were taking the lead by informing other parents about various parent workshops held at the school.
 - ❖ Bluford organizes parent workshops based on completed surveys indicating parents' needs. They held multiple workshops at the same time so parents could choose which ones to attend. All of the information to be shared was put together in a binder to give to all parents.
 - ❖ Vandalia holds a "Breakfast with the Principal" that includes discussion groups. A "Pizza with the Principal" is also held to meet the needs of parents preferring a midday time. Vandalia has a "Parent Involvement Store" in which students collect "bucks" to spend at the store. Students earn bucks when their parents come to school to help or complete tasks at home to help the school.
 - ❖ Wiley sponsors GED classes for their parents. They also hold "Family Fun Nights" with parents and children participating in various games. Many parents are in the school volunteering in different capacities.
5. DPAC representatives were asked to note the time that was most convenient for them to attend the next meeting in February. The majority indicated that 11:30 am -1:00 pm was best.

Box lunches and beverages were provided. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.