District Parental Advisory Council (DPAC)
October 10, 2007
11:30-1:30
Meeting Summary

I. Welcome and Introductions

Kelly Hales welcomed everyone to the first DPAC meeting for the school year and introduced the Title I Staff. Since it was our first meeting, she also asked for each DPAC member to introduce her/himself and tell what school he/she represents.

II. Understanding AYP- Tea Party

Linda Mendenhall led the group in an activity to deepen members' understanding of what Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) means, how schools make or miss AYP, and the sanctions in place after missing AYP. This instructional activity involved all DPAC members and Title I staff in an interactive game of using the many acronyms associated with No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and AYP. The group seemed to enjoy the opportunity to meet other members and practice using the acronyms during our "Tea Party."

III. District Updates

A. Status of the 2007-2008 Title I Schools

Expanding upon the information learned in the opening activity, Jenny Johnson discussed information specific to the school district's 35 Title I schools and their sanctions. The attached handout was provided.

B. Supplemental Educational Services (SES)

An overview of the SES program in the 17 schools, the pilot program in place for the second year, and the nature of the providers and their services were shared. Kelly Hales and Linda Mendenhall responded to the group's questions. The enrollment period was still open at the time of this meeting.

IV. Role of DPAC Members

Last year, the membership generated a list of roles for DPAC members and the following were reviewed during the meeting:

A. To return information received from DPAC meetings back to parents, teachers and schools
B. To understand the process and procedures that our district uses to improve our schools
C. To become an informed parent in order to be able to inform other parents in our district
D. To educate other parents about what opportunities are available in the Title I program

E. To be a liaison between central office and our local school

V. 2007-2008 Projects- DPAC Members were asked to sign up for the various committees as DPAC begins its work for the current school year.

A. Mission Statement
B. Newsletter
C. Parent Needs Survey

VI. School Spotlights

A. Allen Jay Elementary has a Kindergarten Camp for 2 weeks in the summer. It is from 7:30-12:30 and lunch is served. They have stations with crayons, flash cards, and other learning tools. They train parents as well as children.
B. Hunter Elementary has a Kindergarten Camp and they provide take home books.
C. Gillespie Park Elementary has a special parent program titled Families Involved in School at Home (FISH) which has been very well received. This provides training for parents and they kick off the year with a Fish Fry. They also have a Kindergarten Camp.
D. Hampton Elementary has a "Bring Dad to School Day" where any significant adult male may attend with a child. There is a program and also males are encouraged to volunteer their time at the school to help provide role models for the students.
E. Allen Middle has a swap day where parents will follow their child's schedule for the day. The student will accompany the parent throughout the day as they experience a typical day.
F. Wiley Elementary has a community walk where school staff along with PTA members will walk the neighborhood and greet other parents, take school supplies, and answer questions.

VII. Next scheduled meetings:

December 12, 2007 Time and Location to be announced
February 13, 2008 Time and Location to be announced
April 9, 2008 Time and Location to be announced