Amarillo College Community Link

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

September 28, 2009

In Attendance: Dr. Paul Matney, Carroll Mack Forester, Don Nicholson, Santos Tenorio, Antonio Renteria, Lilia Escajeda, Mayor Debra McCartt, Mary Jane Nelson, Paul Boston, Myrna Raffkind, Daniel Martinez, JoAnn Cruz-Perez, Bob Austin, Charles Mestas, Anita Perez, Phyllis Cook, Maury Roman, Danette Fenstermaker, Olivia Castro, Victoria Hughes, and Christy Ramirez.

Guests: Pam Hicks, Paula Sosebee, Melissa Wilson

1. Maury called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She introduced the President of Amarillo College, Dr. Paul Matney and AC Regents, Carroll Mack Forrester and Don Nicholson along with Melissa Wilson and Paula Sosebee from AC’s Testing Center and Pam Hicks representing Highland Park High School.
2. The minutes were presented for approval. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mayor Debra McCartt and seconded by Phyllis Cook. Minutes were approved.
3. Maury presented details about the new partnership with Panhandle Community Services (PCS). With assistance from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), PCS will provide $ 9,855 for scholarships to approximately 150 students for Conversational English, GED preparation classes and GED testing. Students awarded will be tracked for two years.
4. The program activity report was presented.

Maury provided an update on academic and continuing education enrollment generated from Community Link.

Academic enrollment outcomes:

* 318 applications were received for fall 2009.
* 164 students registered for classes.
* 95% increase in enrollment from the previous fall 2008 semester.

Continuing Education outcomes:

* 65 students registered for Conversational English classes.
* 73 students registered for quarter 1 GED classes.

Victoria presented the outreach activities update:

* + Education fairs at Tyson and Region 16 were conducted in the summer.
  + On site recruitment was conducted at the Texas Water Utility Association School
  + A presentation was made at the McDonald’s Manager Annual Meeting at the Discovery Center
  + On site recruitment, targeting parents, was conducted at Eastridge & Mesa Verde Elementary Schools; Travis Middle School, Highland Park ISD.
  + A presentation was made at the AISD Parent Involvement Annual Meeting
  + Additional on site recruitment efforts were conducted at Panhandle Workforce Solutions, Tyson and the City of Amarillo.

1. Meeting Adjourned.