

**CCSP Education Committee**  
**April 16, 2008**

The Education Committee of the Clark County Strategic Plan met for a monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at Arkadelphia Public School Administration Building. The following were in attendance: Stan Miller, Terri Hardy, Donna Hilton, Wesley Kluck, Pay Donlow-Wright, Lewis Diggs, Bobby Smithson, Bob Houston, Lewis Shepherd, Phil Hardin, Virginia Anderson, Dusty Schmid and Carrie Roberson.

Terri Hardy presented the idea Clark County Community Forum as a way to increase parent involvement in school activities. The forum will be organized to help students and parents address what is needed for college or to enter the workforce. Booths will be set up for college recruiters, financial aid/scholarships, school counselors, ACT/SAT sign up, WorkKeys Administration, etc. Students will be asked to develop a title for the event as a contest. Backpacks and gift cards will be given away as an incentive to attend. Dr. Anderson suggested that we work to get Clark County designated as a "WorkKeys" County. The committee agreed to move forward with this project.

The sub-committee discussed exploring how to offer early the remediation classes needed by students prior to starting college. It was suggested to ask surrounding community colleges to teach the classes during the spring and summer. Lewis Diggs will chair a committee to look into this further.

Phil Hardin agreed to chair a committee that will broaden the universities outreach to the surrounding communities.

Carrie Roberson will chair a committee to look at Clark County's high schools curriculum to see what different classes are being taught throughout the county.

Concurrent classes were discussed by the committee. Dr. Miller agreed to chair a committee to research further if college professors can teach upper level math and science classes. The Department of Education requires 40 hours of in-service before a college professor can teach. Additionally, a college professor must be certified to teach an AP course. Dr. Kluck mentioned online classes are available a may be a consideration. Both Centerpoint and Gurdon have math teachers retiring.

Dr. Miller asked everyone to recruit volunteers to their committee and meet prior to next months meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 21 at 12 noon at Arkadelphia Public School Administration building.

Submitted by:

Carrie Roberson

