

**Clark County Strategic Plan
Education Sub-Committee Meeting
January 23, 2009**

The Clark County Strategic Plan Education Sub-Committee met for a meeting on January 23, 2009 at Centerpoint Schools. The following were in attendance: Lewis Diggs, Paulette Blacknall, Virginia Anderson, Dusty Schmid, Lori Adams, Phil Hardin, Sharon Kimery, Mark Overturf, Donnie Whitten, Terri Hardy, Lewis Shepherd, Judy Harrison and Carrie Roberson.

Terri thanked Lewis Diggs, Sharon Kimery and Troy Buck for hosting the committee and providing a wonderful lunch.

Terri reported on Metalworking Connection. This program offers training and jobs for high school students. It offers many vocational and technical classes. If schools are interested in obtaining additional information, they can contact the director Karen Brashears.

The committee discussed the summer camp program. A letter has been sent to schools to solicit teachers who might be interested in teaching a summer program. All classes throughout the county will be put into a brochure and distributed throughout the county. Grant opportunities are being pursued to cover the cost of marketing the program as well as to pay a stipend for someone to oversee the program.

Donnie Whitten gave a report on the College Prep Academy. This pilot program will offer additional education to ninth grade students who have indicated a desire to go to college but did not score high enough on the EXPLORE test. The EXPLORE test is a pre-test to the ACT and is administered in the 8th grade. Students enrolled in the Academy will attend sessions on Saturdays and two weeks in the summer. A grant application for funding through the CCSP was presented. Lewis Diggs made a motion to pursue funding for the pilot program and Phil Hardin seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

The committee discussed meeting at the end of April.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned and toured Centerpoint Schools and their award winning agriculture program.

Submitted by:
Carrie Roberson