

**Clark County Strategic Plan
Education Sub-Committee Meeting
September 25, 2008**

The Clark County Strategic Plan Education Sub-Committee met for a meeting on September 25, 2008 at Arkadelphia Public Schools. The following were in attendance: Lewis Diggs, Terri Hardy, Joe Phelps, Wesley Kluck, Lewis Shepherd, Phil Hardin, Dusty Schmid, Donnie Whitten, Sandra Porter and Carrie Roberson.

Lewis Diggs reported he is working with Henderson State University to offer remedial math and English to seniors who did not score high enough on the ACT. Students who take the class will fulfill the remedial class requirement prior to starting college. The details are still being worked out.

The committee discussed follow up with the summer camp program and the community forum.

Sandra Porter, representative from the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education gave the following report:

- Clark County currently has a satellite Career Center through the South West Arkansas Technology Learning Center.
- There is not a Career Center in any of Clark County's 3 school districts.
- Currently, there is no funding available to open any more Career Centers in the state. The DWE is asking the state to fund 100 new centers in the next fiscal budget.
- If Clark County is interested in opening a Career Center, the application could be submitted for consideration now.
- If Career Centers were to open in Clark County, they would be affiliated with Ouachita Technical School or Henderson State University.
- Career Center curriculum can be taught through distance learning.
- The State of Arkansas pays an additional \$3250 per student who is enrolled in Career Centers.
- Students enrolled in Career Centers have a 94% graduation rate.

The committee discussed how to proceed. An inventory of all current programs offered in all three districts will be compiled and reviewed. The committee will continue to discuss this project.

A meeting with Representative Johnnie Roebuck and the superintendents will be scheduled to discuss current district issues as well as the vo-technical training within the school districts.

The next meeting will be held at Centerpoint Schools. The committee will tour the agricultural program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:
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