

**Clark County Strategic Plan  
Education Sub-Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 26, 2007**

The Education sub-committee of the Clark County Strategic Plan met for a monthly meeting on Monday, February 26, 2007 at Arkadelphia Public Schools Administration building. The following members were present: Lewis Diggs, Robin Pelton, Claire Gehrki, Tonya Harrison, Anne Butcher, Stan Miller, Robert Shuff, Marian Shuff, John Dennis Williams, Jeanette Turner, Bobby Smithson, Herman Thomas, Wesley Kluck, Bob Houston, Steve Carter and Carrie Roberson.

Co-Chairman Dr. Stan Miller welcomed the committee and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Dr. Miller presented the committee with the results of the CCSP Priority Survey. Discussion followed.

Dr. Miller encouraged the group to review the education key issues and group things that will fit into one goal. The following was discussed regarding the technical/vocational school idea for juniors and seniors in Clark County public schools:

- The question was raised if there was available space at the South West Arkansas Technology Learning Center (SWATLC) building. Classes are currently being held there but not at night. Also, their "hands on" shop area is at capacity. Senator Percy Malone could answer if room is available or if there is room for expansion to build.
- There is a new facility in the industrial park and 40 acres in the tech park.
- Centerpoint Superintendent Lewis Diggs said that space is available at Amity schools but the campus is located in Pike County.
- The committee discussed Hollywood as a central location for all 3 school campuses.
- The Aalfs building was discussed. Currently, Arkadelphia Public Schools owns the building. It was mentioned that architectural renderings are available of the Aalfs building due to previous discussions between APS and HSU.
- The Goodrich building sits empty in the industrial park. This facility would be convenient to the industries and is large enough to hold a daycare center for the industrial park.
- The question was raised as to what would be required to get state approval to open the proposed school.
- The committee discussed funding possibilities.
- It was decided that Centerpoint, Arkadelphia and Gurdon Public schools would take the lead in researching this and OBU/HSU will provide support as needed.

The sub-committee divided into 4 committees to review different aspects of the project. The committees and volunteers are:

**Survey Committee (develop survey to find out what specific vocations should be taught)**

Marion Shuff  
John Dennis Williams  
Robin Pelton  
Steve Carter

**Education Department Committee (research what criteria/requirements would need to be met to open proposed school)**

Jeanette Turner  
Tonya Harrison  
Claire Gehrki

**Funding**

Bobby Smithson  
Lewis Diggs

**Facilities (research what building and sites are available in Clark County for the proposed school)**

Carrie Roberson  
Bob Houston

The committee members not in attendance at tonight's meeting will be emailed and invited to serve on any of the committees.

Dr. Miller reminded the committee to fill out the goal sheet and distribute the goal sheet to everyone they know to get input for the Strategic Plan.

The Education sub-committee will meet March 15, at 6 p.m. at Arkadelphia Administration building.