

**Clark County Strategic Plan  
Education Sub-Committee Minutes  
June 9, 2008**

The Clark County Strategic Plan Education Sub-Committee met for a monthly meeting on Monday, June 9, 2008 in the Elk Horn Bank Training Room. The following members were present: Lewis Diggs, Bobby Smithson, Judy Harrison, Dusty Schmid, Phil Hardin, Wesley Kluck, Mark Overturf, Donna Hilton, Pat Donlow-Wright, Lewis Shepherd, Terri Hardy and Carrie Roberson.

Co-Chair Lewis Shepherd welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Lewis introduced Dr. Terri Hardy as the new co-chair of the education committee.

Phil and Dusty reported their committee has inventoried and compiled all the activities at HSU and OBU that brings area school children to their campuses. The committee discussed the next step. It was agreed that a venue to market this information to area schools is needed. The committee discussed several ways to do this including a web-site and printed marketing material.

Lewis D. reported he has talked to both HSU and OBU about teaching the remedial classes required for students who do not score the required composite score on the ACT or SAT tests. Further research is needed to determine if the classes would transfer to other universities. Also, a determination needs to be made as to what it would take to make the classes count for high school credit. Paulette Blacknall is researching what remedial classes are taught the most at HSU to help determine what the needs could be. In September, the schools will look at the numbers of kids requiring the remedial classes and then determine how to proceed.

Terri reported that Paulette Blacknall did a terrific job organizing the summer camp programs. Currently there are 5 camps being offered. Scholarship money has also been raised to allow all children the opportunity to attend camp. Pat Wright will accept and approve all scholarship applications. The committee will start earlier next year to organize more camps and also get the word out to parents earlier in the summer.

Terri reported the "What's Next" Education Forum is scheduled for August 16 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The forum will be set up like a fair and will include information on financial aid, workforce training, workforce keys, personal finances and sessions for parents. Terri is working on confirming speakers.

Carrie Roberson gave a brief update on the 24/7 daycare center. Construction is on schedule and the center is tentatively scheduled to open in January 2009. The board of directors is meeting and working on the organizational components of the center as well as assisting with decisions regarding construction.

The committee discussed meeting quarterly rather than monthly. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August, a representative from the Arkansas Workforce Education to speak to the committee.

Wesley Kluck thanked the committee for their continued work on the education sub-committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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