

Port Neches-Groves Independent School District
Title I Parent Advisory Council
Minutes of the Meeting: February 21, 2012
Location: West Groves Education Center

- Melissa Nunnelly, Director of Child Nutrition, addressed questions posed by council members during the October meeting. Melissa reported that Free/Reduced lunch applications are sent out in school packets at the beginning of the school year. The Child Nutrition Department also receives a Direct Certification list from the Texas Department of Agriculture. This list provides information regarding families receiving food stamps/TANF. Information is also placed on the PN-G ISD website and Channel 7. After discussing different ways to distribute this important information with the council, it was decided Melissa will compose a letter to be sent home along with students' 4th six-week report cards. (The letter is attached to these minutes.)
- Dr. Brenda Duhon, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction/Technology, reviewed the 2010-2011 District AEIS Report and the 2011 AYP Report.
- Brenda explained that the Academic Excellence Indicator System, or AEIS, is the state accountability report. This report measures reading, math, writing, science, and social studies. PN-G ISD received a district accountability rating of Recognized for the 2010-2011 school year. State-wide reporting reflects that only 34.4% of school districts achieved the Recognized rating with only 5% achieving the Exemplary rating. Over the last 3 years, standards for these ratings have increased considerably, and PN-G ISD has maintained its Recognized rating with the ever-increasing standards.

AEIS reporting also includes attendance, completion and dropout rates, college readiness indicators, and staff and budget information.

- Adequate Yearly Progress, or AYP, is the federal accountability report. In this accountability system, districts either meet or do not meet the AYP standards. AYP measures reading and math only. Sub-groups in this system consist of 50 students. Campuses meeting AYP for 2011 were Ridgewood, Taft, Van Buren, Woodcrest, Groves Elementary, Port Neches Elementary, and Port Neches Middle School. The district and Groves Middle School did not meet AYP as a result of Special Education testing. The district has a plan in place to re-evaluate which assessments Special Education students will take. Port Neches-Groves High School did not meet AYP because of math scores. The total math score was 74% passing and a score of 75% passing was required. Also, the ECD (economically

disadvantaged) subgroup score was 65% passing with the requirement in this area being 75% as well.

- The next meeting date has been rescheduled from Tuesday, May 1, 2012, until Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. A notice will be mailed to all committee members this week about the date change, and a follow-up meeting notice will be mailed the week prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by *Mary Jarrell*

Child Nutrition Letter Attached

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Child Nutrition Staff is here to help serve your children healthy and delicious meals while in our care. We are also here to help out families that might be suffering from economic hardships during this difficult time. If you have experienced a change or loss in employment or if you have a change in income, we would like to encourage you to fill out a Free/reduced lunch application for your household. If you receive Food stamps/TANF your household will also qualify for the program. Once approved, your children will be able to eat free or reduced price meals for the remainder of this school year, and the first 30 days of next school year. If your application approves you for free, then your children will be able to eat breakfast and lunch at no charge. If your application approves you for reduced, your children can purchase breakfast for \$.30 and lunch for \$.40. Applications must be filled out completely before we can process them. If you feel that you may qualify, please come by our Child Nutrition Office located at 5840 W. Jefferson, to fill out an application. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions, 962-1017, ext. 5550.

Thank you,
Melissa Nunnelly
Director of Child Nutrition