

Port Neches-Groves Independent School District
Title I Parent Advisory Council
Minutes of the Meeting: November 11, 2014
Location: West Groves Education Center

- Dr. Brenda Duhon, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction/Technology, distributed notebooks to committee members that included:
 - Title I Parent Involvement page on the district’s website. On the district’s home page (www.pngisd.org), patrons can click on the “Our District” Tab at the top and scroll down to “Title I”. This page includes the publications for parents entitled “Recipes for Success” and “Math + Science Connection” in both English and Spanish. Title I campuses are listed along with the Title I District Parent Committee Members as well as meeting dates and times for 2014-2015.
 - The 2014 System Safeguards Status Report replaces the federal AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) report formerly used by TEA. This report uses 30 indicators to measure STAAR performance, STAAR participation, graduation rates, and participation limits on alternative assessments such as STAAR-M and STAAR-Alt. In 2014, PN-G ISD was cited for more than 2% of students taking modified STAAR tests. The district felt the modified tests best reflected the students’ capabilities. The modified testing will not be an option in 2015. Students will take either the STAAR, STAAR with accommodations, or the STAAR Alt. 2.
 - The 2014-2015 Parent Involvement Policy was also distributed. This policy was approved at the first Title I meeting of this school year, and it was subsequently approved by the School Board.

- Title I campuses receive funding for parent involvement. Each campus chooses the program that fits their individual campus needs. This year Groves Elementary will purchase a magazine for parents about the importance of school attendance. Woodcrest and Port Neches Elementary are choosing IXL Learning for Math. This is a software program that has a home log-in feature allowing parents to work with their students at home. Taft and Van Buren will be providing a book to families that attend their reading night activities.

- Dr. Duhon addressed the questions below.
 - How are Title I funds distributed? Title I funds are distributed by the percentage of Free and Reduced Lunch applications received at each campus. The greater the poverty level, the more funding a campus receives.
 - Will PN-G ISD build new elementary schools? All of the district's elementary campuses are crowded. However the district's debt ratio is too high for a bond proposal. A demographic study conducted last year projected our area will grow in the coming years. This year the growth has resulted in increased student enrollment.

- The next two meeting dates are:
 - Thursday, March 5, 2015
 - Thursday, June 4, 2015 (Luncheon Meeting @ a time TBA)

The meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room #2 of the West Groves Education Center. A meeting notice will be emailed to council members.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by *Mary Jarrell*