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Hispanic Community Advisory Committee

October 3, 2018

6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Spearman High School Library

Present: Alejandra Alvarez, Karina Baca, Zaira Gonzales, Clay Montgomery, Nelly Rosendo, Gabby Ruiz, Bertha Salgado, Orlando Ortiz, Sally Vaquera, Melissa Vigil, Gabby Ruiz, Laura Davila, Kristi Ramon, Hector Diaz, Fanny Chavira, and Gerardo Munoz.

Mrs. Ramon welcomed the team and introduced new member, Nelly Rosendo and guest Alejandra Alvarez. Minutes were read from the previous meeting and a motion was made by Bertha Salgado and seconded by Sally Vaquera to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

ESL Adult Education report by Alejandra Alvarez- The adult ESL class began in March with an enrollment of 52 students. Two beginner classes and one intermediate class were held each week. The class continued through the summer but a decline in enrollment happened. There was a brief break in August and the classes resumed. The beginner class has been combined and intermediate class meets each week. Her classes are interactive and tests are administered. The students are learning skills, conversation, and important facts of the US History. The class will be completed in December. Some of the members of the class will do a presentation at the Spearman ISD school board meeting, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bilingual Parent Liaison report by Fanny Chavira- Ms. Chavira has assisted three families new to the country with the enrollment process, how school works in the US, and provided support system information. She continues to check on these families, as well as, the families she



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assisted last year. She will plan to be at the Immigration Parent information meeting to assist with translation and questions.

Head Start Report by Fanny Chavira- Mrs. Chavira is the family support liaison for the Head Start program. She assists and meets with families throughout the school year, helps with doctor visits, and clothing if needed. She provides trainings for parents.

Accountability Report by Clay Montgomery- Spearman ISD earned an A rating! He commended the administration, teachers and staff for their hard work. There were 151 schools in the state to earn an A rating. Nine of those were in the Texas Panhandle.

TRE update- A TRE was passed by the citizens of Spearman. Teacher's raises were passed allowing Spearman's teachers to be within the state average pay scale. Security in school offices are in place and a new bus has been purchased. HVAC at the high school begins next month and high school roof will start in April.

Re-evaluation of the Adult ESL class- The committee felt the ESL adult education should continue next semester. A \$1,200.00 grant was given by the Spearman Community Fund that has assisted with the overall cost of the program. Mrs. Alvarez has done a great job with the program.

Re-evaluation of the Action Plan- The girls' basketball and cross country programs has seen an incline in participation. Mr. Montgomery reported the summer basketball camps will be structured differently next summer. An Immigration Parent Information meeting will be held November 5<sup>th</sup>.



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Membership to DEIC- Gabby Ruiz and Zaira Gonzales will represent the Hispanic Community Advisory Committee on the District Improvement Education Committee.

A wish list of facility/program improvements was generated.

Other Issues: A committee member brought up a concern about a perception issue within the community. There is the perception that more money is spent on Football than other extra-curricular activity. Mr. Montgomery addressed the issue clarifying the cost of other programs.

The next meeting will be in the spring.

Meeting adjourned with a fun activity of I used to but now I....