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North Texas Regional P-16 Council Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2024

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Members Present: Kent Andersen, Leslie Birdow, Kelley Broughton, Barbara Curtis, Ray De Los Santos, Melissa Desimone, Christine Hubbard, Tanisha Johnson, Jean Keller, Raul Martinez, Sara Medina, Bobby Morris, Renee Parker, Quortina Phipps, Rosalyn Walker, and Karen Zeske

Guest Speakers: Charles Leslie and Xiuhong (Helen) You

Greetings and Welcome

Jean Keller welcomed Council members and guests, and thanked them for participating in the third North Texas Regional P-16 Council meeting for the 2023-2024 academic year. She thanked Rosalyn Walker for arranging the program.

Approval of December 5, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Reene Parker moved to approve the minutes. Rosalyn Walker seconded the motion to approve. Council members approved the motion. The minutes will be posted on the Council's website.

Program and Discussion

National School Counseling Week 2024 Update

Dr. Anita Perry – Executive Director, CCMR, DeSoto ISD

Legislative Deep Dive

***Dr. Helen You – Associate Director and Senior Demographer,
Texas Demographic Center***

***Dr. Charles Leslie, Board Member, Texas Association of Black Personnel in
Higher Education and CEO, Mission Global Fellowship***

Dr. Christine Hubbard, Discussion Facilitator

Dr. Perry was unable to attend due to a death in the family. Our thoughts and prayers were shared. Jean thanked all school counselors for their wonderful work and service to support students, teachers, and families. National School Counseling Week 2024, "School Counseling: Standards-Based, Student-Focused," sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), was celebrated from Feb. 5–9, 2024, and focused public attention on the unique contribution of school

counselors within U.S. school systems and how students are different because of what school counselors do. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

“School counselors work with all students to remove barriers to learning by addressing students’ academic concerns, career options and social/emotional skills,” said Jill Cook, ASCA executive director. “School counseling programs help to increase student achievement and provide a much-needed resource for students, parents, teachers, and administrators. School counselors are integral to student success.”

More than 100,000 school counselors nationwide will be participating in the week’s festivities. Many schools will be hosting special events and activities to call attention to the countless benefits of a comprehensive school counseling program. Karen and Bobby shared the many and diverse roles of counselors in north Texas schools. Thanks to all counselors and advisors in north Texas.


Legislative Deep Dive

Rosalyn Walker introduced the program and asked the Council members to be thinking about how the upcoming topics relate to Council and its committees’ work.

Dr. Helen You, Associate Director and Senior Demographer, Texas Demographic



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Center, shared an informative presentation. Please see  Council members asked questions related to student enrollment, how best to collaborate with parents regarding careers, and implications of changing demographics for school and colleges. There was good discussion and information sharing. Thank you, Dr. You.

Dr. Charles Leslie, Board Member, Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education and CEO, Mission Global Fellowship, challenged Council members to be the change they want to see. He spoke about changes from the 2023 88th Texas Legislative session.

Christine Hubbard facilitated questions, answers, and discussion among presenters and Council members. The presenters and their content provided needed information to support Council members in their work.

Jean thanked Drs. You and Leslie along with Rosalyn and Christine for providing members a thoughtful program and discussion.

Committee Work and Reporting to Council Members –

1. Communications, Networking, & Social Media – Rosalyn Walker & Renee Parker

Rosalyn and Renee reported they are working with Jean and Becky to update the Council's website and encouraged the Council members and committee chairs to review and share how the website can be improved. The Communication, Networking, and Social Media group requested a "colleague to colleague" tab. Becky has added this tab. Rosalyn has added excellent materials. Becky is updating Council members and their committee affiliation and contact information.

Rosalyn and Renee also wanted the Council members to know anytime they have something they want to highlight on social media to let them know. Please share events and they will be added to the Council's calendar.

2. Leadership & Sustainability – Ray Delos Santos & Jorge Figueroa

Ray reported that the committee co-chairs met. Ray also thinks that the Council needs to readdress what the term sustainability really means. The leadership and sustainability committee will continue to meet to determine how the Council will be continue in the future and seek on-going leadership for the Council. The committee wants to explore membership benefits and how to have representation across all interested sectors.

3. Professional Development – Lisa Harrison & Christine Hubbard

Christine reported that there are upcoming events in the region, and she will work with Becky to add them to the Council's calendar.

- Outcomes and Assessment Conference sponsored by the North Texas Community College Consortium with Tarrant County College on February 23, 2024.
- UNT Texas Higher Education Law Conference on March 4 & 5, 2024 at UNT
- Developmental Education Regional Forum on April 5, 2024, at Trinity Valley Community College, Athens, TX
- There are educational programs hosted by ESC Regions 10 and 11. Please see their websites for regular updates.

Christine mentioned if educational needs exist, please contact her as the North Texas Community College Consortium can create programs to meet needs.

The committee will continue to promote education careers including teacher aids, teachers, counselors, and school leadership positions. Please share your ideas with committee members.

Christine asked if Council members would be interested in an idea exchange considering HB 17. She asked to Council members to think about this topic and share ideas with her.

4. Research, Assessment, & Accountability – Bobby Morris & Abby Hobart

Bobby reported he found the demographics presentation most interesting and felt it could inform the work of the Research, Assessment, & Accountability Committee. He asked “How do we support schools with changing demographics? What tools can we put into schools’ hands to help? We hope the committee can help answer some of these questions.

Bobby asked if Council members received a survey from the Council’s Research, Assessment, & Accountability Committee. Members indicated they had not, and Bobby shared he would check on this and update the Council members.

Updates and Information Sharing

Kent Andersen shared a reminder that the Construction Career Day for CTE programs will be April 2, 2024 at Fair Park from 9 am to 2 pm. Please see the Council’s calendar for more information.

Adjourn

Jean thanked the program speakers along with Rosalyn and Christine for an informative program and discussion. She challenged the members to share and use the information and recommendations shared in their organizations. Jean also thanked the Council members for their participation.

Jean reminded the Council members the April 9th NTRP-16 Council meeting would be in person at ESC Region 11 and they need to register [link to register](#).

2024 NTRP-16 Council Meeting Dates and Programs

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

| Date | Place | Host | Topics | Program Facilitator |
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| April 9, 2024 9 am – noon (In-Person) Please use the link to register link to register . | ESC Region 11 1451 S Cherry Lane, White Settlement, TX 76108 | Lisa Harrison | Transitions | Lisa Harrison and Renee Parker |