

Diversity Task Force Minutes

Thursday, September 4, 2008

4:30 p.m.

CTE Meeting Room

Purpose

The Frisco ISD Diversity Task Force will focus on maintaining an educational environment that is committed to high expectations for all staff, students, and community through the following tenets:

- Promoting equity
- Embracing diversity and differences
- Encouraging active participation on the part of families and community

Members

Equity and Excellence

Susan Larson

Karen Kraft

Jina Eksaengsri

Phyllis Jenkins

Angela Landers

Dr. Debra Nelson

Tom Palacios

Dione Tippawang*

Gloria Saldivar

Danny Lozano

Mark Mimms

Tina Nixon

Rochelle Rabe

Cultural Awareness

Eva Coleman

Carole Greisdorf*

Michelle Charles

Ann Hicks

Jacqueline Kennedy

Shana McKay-Wortham

Van Simpson

Blanca Olivas

Gigi Shamsey-Ray*

Sandra Treviño

Hilda Guerra

Elma Montenegro

Kristin Ruffin

Recruiting and Retention

Dr. Linda Bass

Mia Bennett

Stacey Reed

Rocky Agan

Jamarcus Langston

Jana Schaffner

Sylvia Palacios

Vivian Radziminski

Lisa Vernon

Shannon Williams

Dedrick Buckels

Vickie Perkowski

Mercy Westphal

*Community Members

Bold Names-Sub-committee Co-Chairs

The Diversity Task Force Committee met Sept. 4, 2008, at the new Career and Technical Education Center. Karen Kraft led a warm-up exercise and Mia Bennett and Sylvia Palacios reviewed the attached PowerPoint presentation as a summation of the group's work to date. Director of Guidance and Counseling Brenda Russell gave an overview of Rachel's Challenge, which is a program coming to the FISD secondary schools. It is about promoting kindness and compassion and eliminating prejudice.

For more information, go to www.rachelschallenge.com.