

President's Report October 2015

Construction

Eagle Pass Academic – This project is progressing nicely. The Sul Ross Addition walk through is scheduled for the week of October 12 and the main project is on schedule to be completed by the end of November. Looks like we will be scheduling the ribbon cutting in January.

Eagle Pass Technical Campus – Work continues on the interior of the classroom building. AEP is in process of setting the new transformer for the campus.

Crystal City Library –The architect has been busy redesigning the building layout and will have the new plan ready for board approval at the October Board meeting.

Partnerships

Dual Credit/Early College High School – We held our first Early College High School steering committee meeting with Knippa this week. Discussed ways we could improve the program in the future. Dilley and Del Rio committees scheduled for later this semester.

College/Career Day - We partnered with Middle Rio Grande Workforce Solutions and Middle Rio Grande Development Council to hold a joint College & Career Day. It was a huge success, 18 area schools were represented as well as over 40 career sponsors.

Other

SACSCOC On Site Visit – The onsite committee is scheduled to arrive on Sunday, October 18 and work Monday and Tuesday, then have an exit conference at 9 am on Wednesday, October 21. On Tuesday, October 20, the committee has requested a lunch meeting with our Board Officers (12:15 – 1:30 in my office). I have attached a copy of the committee's tentative agenda for their visit for your information. I will communicate with the board the results of our accreditation visit after the exit conference.

St Henry De Osso – The St Henry De Osso held their fundraising gala on September 19, it was a huge success and their board expressed gratitude to our Board and College for our support.

Campus Beautification – Faculty and staff along with maintenance personnel have scheduled four Saturdays to work on campus beautification. The campus is really looking good.

Conversation with President – Conversations are ongoing every month, Eagle Pass was held last week and Del Rio is scheduled for October 8. These sessions continue to provide valuable information and reinforce the student engagement piece of our Quality Enhancement Plan.

Home Coming Parade – The college athletes as well as my family represented SWTJC at the Uvalde Homecoming parade. The college also showcased the Law Enforcement Academy recruitment vehicle (donated tahoe by Texas Highway Patrol and wrapped in catchy graphics)

TACC – Had a meeting in Austin last week. We discussed the search process for the new CEO of TACC. Have also been meeting with Dual Credit Task Force as we begin to formulate our agenda for the next legislative session in collaboration with superintendents.

College Rodeo – Last weekend we held our annual College Rodeo, it was another great year for our rodeo.

Upcoming Events –

SACSCOC On Site Visit – October 18-21

SWTJC Employee & Family Halloween Carnival – October 23

SWTJC Christmas Open House & Tree Lighting – December 1