

Waskom ISD Board of Trustees

Priority Performance Goal

2013-2014

*District Priority Goal-Improvement of the Positive Parental Involvement Program

Waskom ISD Education Foundation has been created to award individual teacher grants to the teachers on all three campuses. The individual teacher grants will be monetary amounts of funding to encourage teacher creativity in planning and implementing classroom lessons. Teachers have submitted grant applications for these creative classroom projects. The Education Foundation received four grant applications from teachers in the district. The grants will be awarded in late January or early February of 2014. Parents and Grandparents are serving on the Board of Directors for the Education Foundation. The grant applications included laptop computers, kindles, culinary art equipment and a field trip to NASA. The Education Foundation has currently raised \$15,000.00 through donations and fundraisers. The Education Foundation raffled a 4-wheel All-Terrain Vehicle as one of the fundraisers. I believe that this Education Foundation gives all our parents, grandparents and community stakeholders an opportunity to be involved in our education system. I personally oversee the activities and functions of the Education Foundation.

Waskom ISD Alumni Association has been created for six years and is an excellent opportunity for our alumni (parents, grandparents and community stakeholders) to be involved in many school functions and activities. The Alumni Association has a reception each year after the homecoming football game. Approximately 200-300 people attend each year. The Alumni Association sponsors a \$500.00 scholarship each year for an outstanding senior student from our high school. The Alumni Association has been growing each year. I personally oversee the activities and functions of the Alumni Association.

The campus principals continually discuss ways to increase the positive parental involvement in our school district. Waskom ISD sponsors three community events for our entire community to participate in each school year. Each campus is responsible for one of these three community events. The Elementary School is responsible for the Cinco De' Mayo program. The entire staff and student body are encouraged to participate in the planning and implementing of the program. The entire community is invited to attend the program. The Middle School is responsible for the Black History Month Program. The entire staff and student body are encouraged to participate in the planning and implementing of the program. The entire community is invited to attend the program. The High School is responsible for the Veteran's Day Program. The entire staff and student body are encouraged to participate in the planning and implementing of the program. The campus principals continually encourage and require staff members to make positive phone contacts with their parents. The Elementary School has a very active PTO organization. The PTO organization assists the principal in many activities and functions during the school year. The PTO organization recently held a cookie dough fundraiser to raise money for these activities and functions at the Elementary School. The Elementary School has an award program for the parents to attend each six weeks where students receive awards for perfect attendance, good behavior and outstanding academic achievement. The Middle School is involving their parents in the "Principal

200 Club". After a student receives a coupon for good behavior the teacher and principal make a personal phone contact with the parent about the good behavior coupon and why the student received the coupon. The Middle Principal continually encourages the staff to make personal phone calls to parents about outstanding academic and extra-curricular achievement. The High School has three active booster clubs that support the Athletic Department, Band Department and Ag. Department. I believe all three of these booster clubs have increased membership and participation in activities, events and fundraising this school year.

The Elementary School partnered with the PTO to host an Open House and Ice Cream Social. The idea was to give parents an opportunity to not only visit with the teachers, but to also get parents involved in a positive way through joining the organization and becoming actively involved.

The Middle School is involving their parents by using the "Principal 200 Club". After a student receives a coupon for good behavior, the teacher and principal make a personal phone call to the parent to congratulate the parent on the fact that their child was caught exhibiting a good appropriate behavior. These personal phone calls will help the parents have a good attitude about the school and bring praise to their child because of the phone call.

The High School will be holding informational meeting for parents to explain the new graduation requirements implemented by the Texas Education Agency. The topics in these meetings will include EOC testing and how it will be used for graduation. These informational meetings will serve as a bridge to the home of each student at Waskom High School. The High School sponsors a Baccalaureate Service and Award Night for our seniors.

The district sponsors an ice cream social for the entire community before the Homecoming Football Game. The district also sponsors graduation programs for Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 8th grade and 12th grade.

Our district is attempting to increase the positive parental involvement by improving the current activities and programs in place and adding programs and activities on an as needed basis. Adding a program or activity each semester per campus does not allow us to focus on current activities or programs in place that are productive.