



**South Area Council (SAC)**

April 8, 2009

TCC – Opportunity Center

7:30 a.m.

**Transaction Notes**

**In Attendance:** Chair Ken Roberts, Pepper Hudson, MaryMargaret Rangel, Marilyn Ackmann, Linda Garcia, Susan Fine, Lerii Smith, Randy McGuffee

**Absent:** Mike Smith, Clint Sanders

**Chamber Staff:** Pennie Blossom

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order and asked for introductions then turned the floor over to Linda Garcia, the host for today's meeting, to give an overview of Tarrant County College Opportunity Center located on the eastside of Fort Worth. They also have a facility located in Alliance. The eastside location has departments that include:

- Economic Development
- Corporate Services
- Small Business Development Center
- Workforce Services

This center offers an enormous array of training in many disciplines (too many areas to name here) but for more information please contact:

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**Action Plan**

**Education (Adopted School – South Hill High School)**

- MaryMargaret Rangel spoke with Nancy Weisskopf, Principal of South Hills, to understand how we can help with the rest of the spring semester. Weisskopf would like to schedule the board members to come out and speak to their Advancement via Individual Determination students (AVID). These are students that are not failing but are not doing as well as they can. They have the potential and this class is trying to give them the motivation and knowledge that they can go to college. Most of them will be the first to graduate from high school in their family and most likely no one in their family or circle of friends has ever gone to college. The time investment is about 40 minutes. Some paired up last year and some went solo. Ken Roberts will check on dates and Pennie Blossom will put a speaking schedule together. The other

thing Weisskopf needs help with is getting prom dresses donated to South Hills so that every girl who wants to go to the prom will have a nice dress to wear. The board will collect as many dresses as possible and Pennie Blossom will keep track of how many they donate. Weisskopf will attend our June 10, meeting to review this year and discuss the 2009 / 2010 school year.

- Vital Links is still six businesses short for their summer program. If you are interested please contact MaryMargaret Rangel at the FWISD.

### **Retention**

- The SAC membership numbers basically stayed the same from the last reported period.
- The board divided the new member list to contact either by email or a phone call.

### **Programming**

- 2009 Program for the South Area Council Luncheon – TCU’s Coach Gary Patterson is confirmed for July 30 in the new Brown-Lupton Student Union Building on the campus.
- Upcoming Programs:
  - April 16 – Two Chiefs at the Fort Worth Club
  - May 6 – Gordon England, Leaders in Government at the Petroleum Club
  - May 14 (Tentative) – Bell Helicopter at Alliance in a Bell Hanger
  - May 19 – Colonial Preview At Colonial Country Club
  - June 10 – Annual Meeting at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel
  - June 15 – Jerry Jones, Leaders in Business at the Petroleum Club

### **Monitoring Items - What’s up in the South Area Council?**

- First Friday on the Green has started up again. Check it out on the South Fort Worth, Inc. website @ [www.fortworthsouth.org](http://www.fortworthsouth.org). It’s for the whole family – pets and all.
- Business from the Floor – Roberts reminded everyone that we still need someone to replace Richelle Hicks on the South Hills Site Management Team. He asked for a volunteer.
- Randy McGuffee reported that UNT Health Science Center has applied to have an Academy of Bio Med – Sciences. If approved, it would start the fall of 2010 with 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. Eventually 125 students from all over the county will be in this program.

With there being no other business Roberts adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting:            June 10, 2009  
                                  Women’s Center  
                                  1723 Hemphill  
                                  7:30 a.m.