

North Salina Community Development, Inc. Meeting

Salvation Army Community Center

April 19, 2012

Minutes

The meeting began at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Presentation

Dr. Hall, Superintendent of USD 305, discussed demographic challenges which are: 60% of students receive free or reduced cost lunches (90% at Oakdale), 16% of students are Hispanic (the highest growth segment) and the graduation rate for all students is below the state average.

Other topics included

- Consideration of an alternate high school that may begin August 2013.
- A comprehensive facilities plan that includes the need for all-day kindergarten.
- Structural issues at South High School.
- The drop out rate is 3 – 4 %.
- The district personnel want to be partners with community groups and organizations.
- After school projects are funded by federal grants.
- Busing for students who live farther than 2.5 miles or cross hazardous zones such as a major street, a railroad crossing, etc.

Old Business

- The environmental agency workshop report should be received in 1 - 2 weeks.
- The Peace garden was donated to Habit for Humanity and one house will build be built.

Disposition of the artwork was discussed.

- A clean up day is scheduled for April 21. Participants should meet at the Friendship Center.
- A Circle Group has been established at the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church.
- A hog roast and barbeque is scheduled for Saturday, June 2 at Thomas Park.

Open Forum

- The Grand Avenue United Methodist Church will sponsor a rummage sale April 20th and 21st.
- Doug McKinney is the coordinator of the North Central Kansas Rehabilitation Grant Program.
- There is a new HUD opportunity for minor rehabilitation and accessibility modifications for residences.
- A support letter from NSCD officers to the County Commissioners regarding the North Central Planning Commission will be composed.
- Grocery store grants are available for non-profit corporations.

Next Meeting

The next North Salina Community Development meeting is scheduled for May 17th.