

SOONTHORN CHOBTUMDEE : ROLES OF THE SCHOOL EDUCATION COMMITTEES CONCERNING SCHOOL- COMMUNITY RELATIONS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF ANGTHONG PROVINCIAL PRIMARY EDUCATION. THESIS ADVISOR : ASST.PROF.AMORNCHAI TANTIMEDH, Ph.D., 220 PP. ISBN 974-579-643-3

Objectives: To study the roles of the school education committees and to study the problems and obstacles concerning school-community relations of elementary schools under the jurisdiction of the office of Angthong provincial primary education.

The findings of the study were:

1) Public Relations: The committees play an important role in public relations by participating with parents in meetings, giving information about schools to the communities and arranging school visit programmes.

2) Service to the community : The committees provided information concerning health and occupations of communities. They also arranged for playgrounds for the local students.

3) Participation in Community Activities : The committees participated in many activities concerned with the communities, including cultural, development and sports programmes among villages.

4) Participation in School Activities : The committees were able to participate in school activities by employing materials already available in the communities, such as manpower, money and construction materials. The committees also set up a school lunch programme, gave scholarships, and supplied experts to supplement teaching in schools, as well as other school activities.

5) Relations between Communities and other Agencies in Local Areas: The committees were support school clusters, personnel and institutes in the local area in performing development activities in schools, communities and institutions.

Problems and Obstacles:

Committee members lack sufficient time to join activities in school and communities because of their own duties in the occupations. Some members were unaware of the tasks delegated to them by communities.