

# NORTHSIDE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

## AGENDA

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

6:00 p.m.

Board Room, 5900 Evers Road

The Northside Educational Improvement Council (NEIC) is the district decision-making committee established in accordance with Texas Education Code Sec. 11.251, and 11.252. NEIC has 39 members, including staff, parents, business, and community members. The purpose of NEIC is to involve professional staff, parents, and community members in establishing and reviewing the district's and campuses' educational plans, goals, performance objectives, and major classroom instructional programs. Staff are elected for a two-year term by their staff peers; parents, business, and community members are appointed by the Board for a two-year term. NEIC meets at 6:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, in the Northside Board Room at 5900 Evers Road, unless otherwise posted. Meetings are open to the public. Items to be considered for the agenda may be submitted to either Rebecca Barron-Flores, NEIC President, at Passmore Elementary School, (678-2800) or Linda Mora, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, at Central Office, 5900 Evers Road, 78238 (706-8635). Minutes of all meetings are posted at Central Office and at each school.

### **I. Approval of Minutes from December 3, 2002**

### **II. NEIC Member Appointed to Board of Trustees**

### **III. Smaller Learning Communities – H.S. Academic Deans to present**

Northside ISD is the sixth largest district in the state, and as such, is faced with challenges stemming from high poverty rates and growing at-risk rates. A one-year planning grant for \$246,000.00 was approved by the US Department of Education to investigate options for implementing smaller learning communities at six schools: Clark, Holmes, Jay, Marshall, O'Connor, and Taft. The high school academic deans will present an update on the status of the grant and the program options available.

### **IV. Calendar 2003-2004**

The 2003-2004 school calendar was adopted two years ago, possible modifications to the calendar are being recommended.

### **V. Calendar 2004-2005**

A draft calendar for the 2004-2005 school-year will be presented for discussion.

### **VI. Block Scheduling**

Although the board has approved the move to A/B block schedules for the high schools currently on accelerated block schedules, articles on the pros and cons about block schedules in general are included for your information.

### **VII. Other Issues**

### **VIII. Adjourn**

**NEIC MEMBERS:**

**STAFF REPRESENTATIVES:**

Primary: Mary Adams, Carson Elem.; Joy Ulcak, Boone. Intermediate: Brian Christoffersen, Thornton; Veronica Arteaga, Brauchle . Elementary Specialist: Diane Aguilar, Ed Cody. Middle School (Academic Core): Thomas Koog, Connally; Elaine Rodriguez; Jordan Middle School (Other): Cindy Plunkett, Pease M.S. High School (Academic Core): Lynn Britton, Jay; Isabel Fears, Sunset H.S. High School (Business): Sheryl Parker, Business Careers. High School (Other): Beth Ann Willstrop, Health Careers. Special Campuses: Laura Hinton, N.V.T.P. Counselors: Christine Johnson, Pat Neff MS. Librarians: Kathy Lindley, Pat Neff M.S., Nurses: Jodie Meyer, Oak Hills Terrace, Elementary Administration: Rebecca Barron-Flores, Passmore Elem. Secondary Administration: Brian Woods, Clark H.S.. CO Professional Staff: R.C. Rodriguez, Dir., Bilingual/ESL; Paraprofessionals: Roxanne King, Pat Neff M.S.

**PARENT REPRESENTATIVES:** Roger Ayala, Tammy French, Dr. Bill Clark, Nancy Medrano, Patricia Hitch

**PTA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:** Lois Pearson

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:** Janet Beauch, Terry Condon, Christine Hernandez, Jose Sanchez, Sharon Itz, George Terrell,, Alex Travieso

**BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES:** Eddie Barron, Yvonne Fernandez