

NORTHSIDE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

AGENDA

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

6:15 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 1st 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 Priscilla Paul, NEIC President, at Brauchle Elementary School, (397-1500) or Linda Mora, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, at Central Office, 5900 Evers Road, 78238 (397-8635). Agendas of all meetings are posted at Central Office and at each school; minutes of all meetings are posted at each school.

SPECIAL NOTE: Orientation for new members will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Training is required for all new members. Training includes the roles and responsibilities of the Northside Educational Improvement Council as well as providing background of most current issues being addressed by the NEIC. Training will be conducted by Diana Ely, Director for Organizational and Staff Development and Priscilla Paul, Council Chairperson.

I. 6:15 General Meeting Called to Order

Both Outgoing and New Members are asked to attend this meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2006

III. Discussion and Approval of the Texas Educator Excellence Awards

The superintendent has received notice that nine NISD campuses are eligible for a grant under the Texas Educator Excellence Awards program, formerly known as the Governor's Educator Excellence Award. The nine campuses are:

Esparza Elementary	Linton Elementary
Lackland City Elementary	Meadow Village Elementary
Passmore Elementary	Pease Middle School
Powell Elementary	Sul Ross Middle School
Westwood Terrace Elementary	

The campus committees have developed a plan for distribution of the funds; however, the local district level decision making committee must approve of the plans.

IV. Discussion of Exception for Bilingual Education Program for Arabic Speaking Students

Districts are required to identify LEP students and provide services via a bilingual program in their native language. There are approximately 75 Arabic speaking students in PK-5 grades. Kindergarten grade level has 22 students: therefore, the district is obligated to provide a bilingual program. Districts that are unable to provide bilingually certified teachers to implement the program in elementary grades are required to request an exception to the bilingual program and get approval from the Commissioner of Education to offer an alternative program.

V. Discussion of Status on Use of High School Allotment

The proposed Commissioner's Rules Concerning the High School Allotment will impact decisions made regarding how these funds may be used. This item will provide NEIC members with an opportunity to provide input into the work the high school principals and others have done to date.

VI. Update on TAKS Incentive Plans

An update on the TAKS Incentive Plans developed by high school campus committees will be presented and discussed.

VII. Input on Strategic District Improvement Plan

Activities for Year 4 of the Strategic District Improvement Plan have been drafted by members of the Superintendent's Cabinet and their respective staffs who have been directed to be concise and focused with the activities. The item will provide members an opportunity for further input into the plan.

VIII. Discussion of Board Policy EIE (Local)

Proposed revisions to Board Policy EIE (Local) to take effect beginning with the 2007-08 school year and thereafter will be presented for review, discussion, and possible modifications.

IX. Election of Officers

Action Required: NEIC members will be asked to elect new officers. Members are encouraged to nominate and elect officers who are representative of both staff and non-staff membership.

X. Recognition of Outgoing Members and Welcome of New Members

XI. Schedule of NEIC Meetings

The proposed meeting schedule is as follows:

November 7, 2006

January 9, 2007

March 6, 2007

May 1, 2007

XII. Other Issues

XIII. Adjourn

NEIC MEMBERS:

STAFF REPRESENTATIVES:

Primary: Mary Adams, Carson Elem.; Jill Palmer, Helotes. Intermediate: Wendi Costas, Blattman; Angela Fry, Knowlton . Elementary Specialist: Diana Aguilar, Ed Cody Elementary. Middle School (Academic Core): Lisa Holmes, Jordan M.S.; Kristi Bolstad, Connally M.S.; (Other):Cindy Plunkett, Pease M.S. High School (Academic Core): Romy Vela, Jay H.S.; Dori Peterson, Stevens H.S.. (Business): Carolyn Mullins, Business Careers High School (Other): Brad Hebert, Health Careers High School. Special Campuses: Vicki Sills, N.S. Children's Center: Counselors: Melynn Young, Connally M.S.. Librarians: Laura Lara, Ward Elementary,. Nurses: Maureen Lopez, Galm Elementary. Elementary Administration: M. LaNeil Belko, Brauchle Elem. Secondary Administration: Susan M. Allain, Connally M.S., District-Level Prof. Staff : Rosemary Perez, Dir., Compensatory; Paraprofessionals: Robbie Bland, Mead Elementary

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Kim Neal, David Gannon, Dr. Bette Austin, Elizabeth Moffett

PTA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Meri Ann Christopher

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: Karen Nance, Christi Evans, Mathlide Scully, David Maze

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES: Matt Foxhaff, Candice Muster