

NORTHSIDE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

AGENDA

Tuesday, March 6, 2007

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 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 Kristi Bolstad, NEIC President, at Connally Middle School, (397-1000) 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.

I. 6:00 p.m. General Meeting called to order

II. Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2007

III. Update on Boundary Changes

As requested by the membership, Stan Drezek will update the committee on recent school boundary changes to accommodate the opening of new schools.

IV. Discussion of Summer School Programs

Preliminary plans for summer school programs will be reviewed, discussed and input taken. Summer school programs include STEPS, middle and high school summer school, OEY, bilingual, summer enrichment, and community programs.

V. Update on Arabic Language

For the past two years, NISD has submitted an "Exception for Bilingual Education Program" for our Arabic-speaking population. This item is an update on student enrollment and the possibility of establishing an Arabic bilingual program.

VI. Update on Dual Language

NISD currently operates a dual language bilingual program at May and Esparza Elementary Schools. Villarreal Elementary may start and Driggers Elementary may open as dual language schools in 2007-08.

VII. Discussion of Waivers:

- Waiver to implement a modified schedule for TAKS Testing Days 2007-08
- Waiver request for Early Release Days for 2007-08 & 2008-09

VIII. Other Issues

IX. 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, Ward 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 Foxhall, Candice Muster

President – Kristi Bolstad; Vice President – Matt Foxhall; Secretary – Jill Palmer