

NORTHSIDE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

AGENDA

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

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 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.

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 Kristi Bolstad, 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 August 14, 2007

III. Strategic Plan Update

A short report will be provided to update members on the changes to the timeline and for members to provide input on the on-line survey.

IV. Broad Prize Update

The video developed by the Broad Foundation will be highlighted and the handout from Broad will be provided.

V. 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 121 Arabic speaking students in PK-5 grades. Kindergarten grade level has 24 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.

VI. 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.

VII. Recognition of Outgoing Members and Welcome of New Members

VIII. Schedule of NEIC Meetings

The proposed meeting schedule is as follows:

December 4, 2007	April 1, 2008
February 5, 2008	May 6, 2008

IX. Other Issues

X. Adjourn

NEIC MEMBERS:**STAFF REPRESENTATIVES:**

Primary: Mary Adams, Carson Elem.; Sherry Willome, Ward. Intermediate: Wendi Costas, Blattman; Sue Casey, Helotes. 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): Beverly McCarthy, Health Careers.; Dori Peterson, Stevens H.S. (Business): Miranda Noack-Snider, Marshal H.S. High School (Other): Kathy Ferguson, Clark H.S. Special Campuses: Abby Kested, N.S. Vocational: Counselors: Kathryn Nicholson, Comm. Arts. Librarians: Laura Lara, Ward Elementary. Nurses: Nancy Fox, Leon Valley Elementary. Elementary Administration: Sunday Nelson, 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: Debbie Byrnes, Robert J. LeBlanc, Elizabeth Moffett

PTA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Lois Pearson

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: Karen Nance, Christi Evans, Mathilde Scully, David Maze, Jeannette Honermann, Isabel Fears

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES: Matt Foxhall Candice Muster

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

