

APPROVAL

The September 5, 2000 meeting of the NEIC was called to order by President, Tere Pena at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Jerry Arredondo, Mary Bailey, Renee Baird, Lynn Britton, Rhonda Canales, Kathleen Ceylaya, Ted Colquhoun, Linda Dossett, Anna Marie Dyas, Mary Helen Garcia, Garrie Gillaspie, Norma Hernandez, Thomas Koog, Janis Lappeus, Johnny Lovejoy, Mitch Magee, Adelaide McAninch, Rebecca McCarley, Larry McCormick, Sybil Morgan, Don Nance, Tere Pena, Rosemary Perez, Corinne Saldana, Etta Tricksey, and Joy Ulcak.

Staff Members present: Pat Blattman, Eleanor Elder, Jana Knezek, and Richard Krueger.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the June meeting were approved unanimously (moved by Lynn Britton, seconded by Johnny Lovejoy).

2. WAIVER REQUEST

Members were asked to consider a recommendation of waiver request for the identification of textbooks. A presentation was made by Jana Knezek, Director of Library and Textbook Services, detailing the need for the waiver. The current method (without the waiver) was explained as very time and labor intensive.

Ms. Gillaspie moved that NEIC recommend the waiver request be submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Koog and was passed (In favor – 22, opposed – 0, abstain – 2).

Mr. Lovejoy then made a motion to add a message to the waiver as follows: “Due to the advances in technology the TEA should allow the barcoding of textbooks without the application for a waiver.” This was seconded by Ms. Perez and passed unanimously.

3. REVIEW OF 2000 TAAS RESULTS AND ACT

A power point presentation was given by Ms. Blattman reviewing the TAAS results for all campuses. NEIC members were able to see how Northside did compared to the state. Explanations/and clarification of the data were given as the discussion progressed. This information will be the basis for district and campus improvement plans. Packets were provided to members for further study.

4. DISTRICT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Tentative District Performance Objectives (DPO) were sent to members to review before the meeting. Members were asked for input or further recommendations on setting the DPO's. Most of the discussion centered on the appropriateness of DPO's for the economically

disadvantaged. Ms. Blattman explained the rationale behind them, and agreed to consider lowering the DPO for Math and Reading for this one group by a point.

5. STRATEGIES FOR TARGETED IMPROVEMENT

Ms. Blattman presented information regarding targeted areas of improvement. Members had received copies of the Board/Superintendent Goals. NEIC members were asked to give input on goals and strategies relating directly to student achievement. During the discussion there was a continuing expression of concern about student transition from grade 5-6.

Ms. Gillaspie moved that we take a look at data on students who had experienced transition camps, particularly at Sul Ross to see if it (the camps) make a difference. Ms. Perez seconded the motion. As discussion progressed, Ms. Gillaspie withdrew her motion to allow a new motion to be made.

A new motion was presented by Ms. Celaya. She moved that we assess current transition programs from grade five to six that are in use in the district and set goals for improvement, continue implementation of improvements and expansion of successful transitional strategies. This was seconded by Ms. Gillaspie and passed by the membership (In Favor – 19, opposed – 0, abstain – 1).

6. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 p.m. Mr. Britton moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lovejoy and approved unanimously.

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 Tere Pena, NEIC President, at Northside Alternative Elementary School, (706-7399) or Pat Blattman, Deputy Superintendent for Instruction, at Central Office, 5900 Evers Road, 78238 (706-8635). Minutes of all meetings are posted at Central Office and at each school.

NEIC MEMBERS:

STAFF REPRESENTATIVES:

Primary: Sharon Spencer, Baptist Children's Home; Joy Ulcak, Boone. Intermediate: Linda Dossett, Leon Valley; Cynthia Mendoza-Collins; Lackland City. Elementary Specialist: Anna Marie Dyas, Steubing. Middle School (Academic Core): Thomas Koog, Connally; Rebecca McCarley, Rayburn. Middle School (Other): Renee Baird, Stevenson. High School (Academic Core): Joseph Bryan, Jay; Rhonda Canales, O'Connor. High School (Business): Larry McCormick, Jay. High School (Other): Kathleen Michels, Marshall. Special Campuses: Beth Poss, Holmgreen Jr/Sr HS. Counselors: Mary Bailey, Jordan MS. Librarians: Janis Lappeus, Stinson MS. Nurses: Norma Hernandez, NHP. Elementary Administration: Tere Pena, Northside Alternative Elementary. Secondary Administration: Corinne Saldana, Holmes HS. CO Professional Staff: Rosemary Perez, Compensatory Programs Paraprofessionals: Eric Hoke, Galm ES.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Jerry Arredondo, Wendy Browning, Kathleen Celaya, Demarius Douthit, Dave Gannon, Mitch Magee, Angela Martinez, 1 Vacancy

PTA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Jesse Cardenas

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: Richard Castillo, Ted Colquhoun, Mary Helen Garcia, Garrie Gillaspie, Adelaide McAninch, Dr. Sybil Morgan, Etta Tricksey

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES: Ben Bendele, Johnny Lovejoy, George McClure, Don Nance