

NORTHSIDE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The February 6, 2001 meeting of NEIC was called to order by President Tere Pena at 6:06 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Adams, Jerry Arredondo, Mary Bailey, Renee Baird, Lynn Britton, Venisa Dark, Anna Marie Dyas, Dave Gannon, Garrie Gillaspie, Laura Hinton, Thomas Koog, Laura Junek, Johnny Lovejoy, Patty Martinek, Stephen Mazoch, Adelaide McAninch, Sybil Morgan, Sheryl Parker, Tere Pena, Rosemary Perez, Sara Roe, Joy Ulcak, and Beth Ann Willstrop.

Staff Members Present: Pat Blattman, Dr. Eleanor Elder, Richard Krueger, Executive Director for Secondary Instruction; Dr. Pat Henderson, Director of Guidance and Counseling; and Debbie Krueger, Student Advisory Program Coordinator.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Don Nance, seconded by Rosemary Perez.

II. WAIVER TO LIMIT ENROLLMENT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS AT HIGH SCHOOL

Motion: David Gannon moved to recommend NISD apply for a waiver to limit acceptance of foreign exchange students to 6 per campus per year. Seconded by Rosemary Perez. (16 For, 7 Against, 1 Abstention)

Discussion ensued. Tere Pena will sign waiver, "In order to continue to provide quality education for the students of our district and in view of the overcrowding of many of our schools, we choose to limit the enrollment of foreign exchange students in our district." This is a three-year waiver.

III. ACADEMICS 2000 GRANT PROPOSAL

Motion: Steven Mazoch moved to recommend approval of the math grant, seconded by Johnny Lovejoy. (22-0-0)

Motion: Jerry Arredondo to recommend approval of the reading grant, seconded by Mary Adams. (23-0-1)

Dr. Elder explained both grants, one targeting math K-6 and the other reading K-6. NEIC will serve as an oversight committee for the grants.

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In math, the focus will be on K-3, with an enrichment program for every school in 5th grade. It will include the transition between grades 5 and 6. It also will provide new ways of assessment. Some schools volunteered and others were targeted if below NISD average for 3rd grade math. The reading grants are to implement Fast ForWord and Earobics, intensive, prescriptive reading intervention programs.

IV. INCREASING MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Motion: Move to table, failed (9-12-1)

Motion: Thomas Koog moved to recommend the regular graduation requirements in NISD be increased to 24, seconded by Laura Hinton. Passed (13-6-2)

Motion: Mr. Koog moved to recommend to establish the state Recommended Plan as the NISD default plan, seconded by Laura Hinton. (12-7-4)

Motion: Mr. Koog moved to recommend that NISD permit an “opt out” feature to meet the needs of the students, seconded by Don Nance. (22-0-1)

There was much discussion with many ideas and concerns expressed. Mr. Lovejoy requested that his objection to the process be recorded.

V. OVERVIEW OF EXPLORE/PLAN TESTING

Due to the lateness of the evening this item was postponed to the April meeting.

VI. MIDDLE SCHOOL EARLY RELEASE

Motion: Don Nance moved to recommend the 6 middle school early release days, seconded by Beth Ann Willstrop. (19-1-1)

Comments were shared by schools that used the early release days. It provides time to do vertical teaming and alignment. It was recommended that the district followup on this issue with parents for feedback on the elementary and middle school campuses.

The next meeting will be on **March 6, 2001.**

VII. ADJOURNED AT 9:45 p.m.

Motion: Don Nance moved to adjourn, seconded by Patty Martinek.

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 on the 1st Tuesday of each month unless otherwise posted. Meetings are open to the public. Items to be considered for the agenda may be submitted to either Tere Pena, President, at Northside Alternative Elementary School (706-7399) or Pat Blattman, Deputy Superintendent for Instruction, at Central Office, 5900 Evers Road, 78238 (706-8635). Agendas and minutes of all meetings are posted at Central Office and at each school.

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NEIC MEMBERS:

STAFF REPRESENTATIVES:

Primary: Mary Adams, Carson Elem.; Joy Ulcak, Boone. Intermediate: Sara Roe, Raba; Cynthia Mendoza-Collins, Lackland City. Elementary Specialist: Anna Marie Dyas, Steubing. Middle School (Academic Core): Thomas Koog, Connally; Stephen Mazoch, Rayburn; Middle School (Other): Renee Baird, Stevenson. High School (Academic Core): Lynn Britton, Jay; Laura Junek, Clark. High School (Business): Sheryl Parker, Business Careers. High School (Other): Beth Ann Willstrop, Health Careers. Special Campuses: Laura Hinton, N.V.T.P. Counselors: Mary Bailey, Jordan MS. Librarians: Pat Strawn, Jay. Nurses: Norma Hernandez, NHP, Elementary Administration: Tere Pena, Northside Alternative Elementary. Secondary Administration: Patty Martinek, O'Connor H.S. CO Professional Staff: Rosemary Perez, Compensatory Programs; Paraprofessionals: Vacancy

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Jerry Arredondo, Kathleen Celaya, Venisa Dark, Dave Gannon, Mitch Magee, Bambi Singleton

PTA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Lois Pearson

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

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