

**APPROVED**

## ***NORTHSIDE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL***

The May 1, 2001 meeting of NEIC was called to order by President Tere Pena at 6:04 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mary Adams, Mary Bailey, Renee Baird, Kathleen Celaya, Venisa Dark, Anna Marie Dyas, Garrie Gillaspie, Laura Hinton, Thomas Koog, Mitch Magee, Patty Martinek, Sybil Morgan, Don Nance, Sheryl Parker, Tere Pena, Rosemary Perez, Pat Strawn, Etta Tricksey, Beth Ann Willstrop

**Staff Members Present:** Pat Blattman, Pat Teicher, Pat Henderson, Priscilla Shaver, Richard Krueger, and Eleanor Elder.

### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the April 10, 2001 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Sybil Morgan, seconded by Patty Martinek.

### **II. OVERVIEW OF EXPLORE/PLAN TESTING PROGRAM**

Dr. Pat Henderson gave an overview of the two assessment plans, 8<sup>th</sup> (Explore) and 10<sup>th</sup> (Plan). This was a request from an NEIC member who was not present. An overview was shown how these two plans fit into the K-12 guidance curriculum by overhead transparencies and a PowerPoint presentation. There was much discussion as to whether the students take the testing seriously enough. Schools that require 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading seem to have better results where the teacher emphasizes the importance and value of the tests.

#### **Recommendations:**

NEIC recommended that an evaluation of the current use of Explore and Plan be done on a district-wide basis for the purpose of ensuring consistent and effective implementation. Etta Tricksey moved and Venisa Dark seconded the motion which passed 19-0-0.

### **III. REPORT OF GIFTED AND TALENTED ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

This committee comes to NEIC each year with its recommendations. This year's President Dr. John King shared the committee's seven recommendations with NEIC. Pat Blattman shared the current status of each recommendation.

#### **Recommendations:**

There were no formal recommendations from NEIC at this time. The committee's recommendations will be considered in future budget-related items.

### **IV. INSTRUCTIONAL BUDGET PROPOSALS (BUDGETING)**

Dr. Teicher and some of his staff were present to discuss several Budget Improvement Package proposals that impact the Special Education Department. One item discussed at length was to create full-time

Elementary Special Education disseminators @ \$390,000. Various ideas were suggested for consideration to alleviate the load. Several other programs were highlighted and explained. Pat Blattman

asked the council members to come to the next meeting with their top ten priorities identified from proposals over \$5,000.

## V. OTHER ISSUES

Richard Krueger brought a waiver to NEIC on an expedited waiver form to request giving one credit rather than ½ credit for Pharmacology, a dual credit course. Approval from the committee was unanimous.

The committee was thanked for its inputs to the High School Schedule Survey that was distributed in tonight's meeting.

The next meeting will be on June 4, 2001.

## VI. ADJOURNED AT 9:15 -p.m.

Motion: Renee Baird, Seconded: Tommy Koog

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### 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 Juneck, 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