

NORTHSIDE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The September 4, 2001 meeting of NEIC was called to order by President Tere Pena at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Adams, Mary Bailey, Renee Baird, Lynn Britton, Kathleen Celaya, Anna Marie Dyas, Mary Helen Garcia, Garrie Gillaspie, Laura Hinton, Thomas Koog, Mitch Magee, Patty Martinek, Adelaide McAninch, Sybil Morgan, Don Nance, Sheryl Parker, Tere Pena, Rosemary Perez, Sara Roe, Pat Strawn, Joy Ulcak, and Beth Ann Willstrop

Staff Members Present: Pat Blattman, Pat Teicher, Sallie Lewis, Phil Linerode, Susan Wright and Eleanor Elder.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the June 5, 2001 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Don Nance, seconded by Adelaide McAninch.

II. BUDGET UPDATE

All but 5 items recommended by NEIC were approved. Pat Blattman accepted questions.

III. ACADEMIC STANDARDS III

Sallie Lewis gave preview of the program. It was started in 1997 with 2, 5, 8, and two high school classes. All parents received a booklet. Now teachers will visit with families as to our expectations. Next comes CORE Content for 6, 7, 8 and high school courses. This is revised yearly. Also included are 6, 7, 8 reading. Each student receives a booklet with their name on it. It will be mailed to parent if a no show at conference.

Recommendations:

Pat Strawn moved to recommend approval of the Academic Standards to the Board. Seconded by Laura Hinton, it passed unanimously. Suggestions were made to have a 5 year time line with parents reviewing it along with teachers. Staff are currently working align curriculum, assessments, staff development, and report cards to the Standards.

IV. DEC VISIT

Mrs. Blattman reviewed the term status of current members appointed by the Board of Trustees (parents, community, and business members). She indicated that those whose first terms are expiring should contact their district Trustee to let them know whether or not they are interested in serving another term. New and reappointed members will assume their positions at the November meeting. All members whose terms will end were asked to stay on at the end of their terms to give information at the DEC visit in November. Mrs. Blattman gave an overview of the upcoming DEC visit and the role that NEIC members will be expected to play. She briefly reviewed the factors that had resulted in TEA deciding to make this visit, including the budget roll forwards that exceeded 25% of budget in four Title programs. NEIC members will be asked

to attend a Roundtable Discussion with visiting DEC team members during the week of November 12.

V. HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE SURVEYS

Pat Blattman presented results of high school schedule surveys, assisted by Phil Linerode. The discussion included the fact that while most of the responses to most questions indicated that respondents felt that either the new schedules made little to no difference, or that the new schedules were better, there remained a number of people who had concerns and felt the new schedule was worse. Excluding questions regarding stress and workload, the negative responses ranged between 6 and 35%. Student's negative responses regarding workload, stress, ability to manage time were as high as 46% at block campuses and 60% at 7-period day campuses. Mrs. Blattman shared that campuses would continue to try to address the areas of concern.

VI. DISTRICT DATA REVIEW

NEIC reviewed district TAAS data presented by Susan Wright. Some indications from the data included: Reading outperforms the state average. Writing has dropped some indicating a need for staff development in writing strategies (i.e. WIN). All students are tested for growth and progress. End of Course results showed much gain from previous year. (This will be last year for EOC). Achievement data tends to drop at transition points, e.g. 6th grade. Staff feels that gains are being made. A district focus will be to ensure preparation for TAKS as the test expectations are changing. A discrepancy in achievement between LEP and Spec. Ed. students and all other students remains. This is an area of focus for this year. AP at high schools scores were reviewed as well. The committee made no recommendations for improvement strategies at this time. The subject will be continued at next meeting.

The next meeting will be on October 2, 2001.

VII. ADJOURNED AT 9:50 p.m.

Motion: Tommy Koog **Seconded:** Don Nance

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.

NEIC MEMBERS:

STAFF REPRESENTATIVES:

Primary: Mary Adams, Carson Elem.; Joy Ulcak, Boone. Intermediate: Sara Roe, Raba; Annette Lopez, Brauchle. Elementary Specialist: Diane Aguilar, Ed Cody. Middle School (Academic Core): Thomas Koog, Connally; Elaine Rodriguez; Jordan Middle School (Other): Renee Baird, Stevenson. High School (Academic Core): Lynn Britton, Jay; High School (Business): Sheryl Parker, Business Careers. High School (Other): Beth Ann Willstrop, Health Careers. Special Campuses: Laura Hinton, N.V.T.P. Counselors: Christine Johnson, Pat Neff MS. Librarians: Pat Strawn, Jay. Nurses: Jodie Meyer, Oak Hills Terrace, Elementary Administration: Rebecca Barron-Flores, Locke Hill Elem. Secondary Administration: Patty Hill, Warren H.S. CO Professional Staff: Rosemary Perez, Compensatory Programs; Paraprofessionals: Roxanne King, Pat Neff M.S.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Roger Ayala, Venisa Dark, Tammy French

PTA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Lois Pearson

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: Terry Condon, Mary Helen Garcia, Sharon Itz, Dr. Sybil Morgan, George Terrell, Etta Tricksey

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