

NORTHSIDE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The October 2, 2001 meeting of NEIC was called to order by President Tere Pena at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Mary Adams, Mary Bailey, Renee Baird, Lynn Britton, Venisa Dark, Anna Marie Dyas, Mary Helen Garcia, Patty Hill, Laura Hinton, Thomas Koog, Jr., Mitch Magee, Adelaide McAninch, Sybil Morgan, Don Nance, Sheryl Parker, Tere Pena, Rosemary Perez, Sara Roe, Pat Strawn, Etta Tricksey, Joy Ulcak, Beth Ann Willstrop.

Staff Members present: Pat Blattman, Eleanor Elder, Richard Krueger, JoAnne Reddell

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the September 4, 2001 meeting were unanimously approved.

II. DEC VISIT UPDATE

Pat Blattman presented information regarding the upcoming DEC visit and the District Roundtable on Wednesday, November 14, which all NEIC members are asked to attend.

III. OVERVIEW OF THE DISTRICTWIDE TECHNOLOGY REVIEW AND MASTER PLAN

Executive Director for Organizational and Staff Development, Joanne Reddell, gave an overview of the current study being done in Northside by Elert Associates to identify needs and recommend a long range plan for technology to serve the needs of all NISD staff and its stakeholders. Favorable comments followed by NEIC members. Discussion included identifying that a parent component will be involved, and the possibility of looking at supporting our own data base system rather than using Region 20. Mrs. Reddell stated that stakeholders are being invited to participate in the planning process and NEIC members are encouraged to consider this role. Members asked if the recent LoTi survey being conducted by Instructional Technology was connected to this project. It is not. There was discussion regarding the difficulties at some campuses in completing the survey and the lack of understanding of the purpose and resulting feedback. Mrs. Blattman stated that the survey results will be shared with NEIC at a future meeting, along with a proposal for how the district hopes to use the results.

IV. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

Following the extensive District data review that was provided at the last NEIC meeting, the committee discussed significant instructional needs indicated by the data. Members provided suggestions and recommendations to be included in the District Improvement Plan to address those needs. Included in the suggestions were: a follow-up evaluation of impact of Algebra Camp on performance of students; strategies for better informing parents on the benefits of the bilingual/ESL program; alignment of Pre-AP at the middle school with high school AP; efforts to

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resolve scheduling conflicts related to AP courses; strategies to arrive at more representative ethnic and gender distribution in the G/T Program; and evaluation of the current components of the high school G/T program. Also discussed were the K-5 “Math Wall” instruction, and primary grade assessments, the need for more contact between high school G/T students and G/T teachers, the value of a full time G/T teacher at all elementary campuses, and problems associated with serving ESOL students. A suggestion was also made to provide additional staff development support for teachers teaching the new Technology Applications courses.

A motion was made by Patty Martinek Hill, seconded by Rosemary Perez, that NEIC recommend that the proposed strategies related to the 8 identified most significant instructional needs plus the additional strategies recommended by members at this meeting be included in the District Improvement Plan and that NEIC support the implementation and funding of the associated staff development activities. The motion passed unanimously.

- V. A motion to adjourn was made by Pat Strawn, and seconded by Joy Ulcak. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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