

NORTHSIDE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The November 5, 2002 meeting of NEIC was called to order by President Rebecca Barron-Flores at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Adams, Diane Aguilar, Veronica Arteaga, Rebecca Barron-Flores, Janet Beach, Lynn Britton, Brian Christoffersen, Terry Condon, Isabel Fears, Yvonne Fernandez, Christine Hernandez, Laura Hinton, Patricia Hitch, Christine Johnson, Thomas Koog, Jr, Kathy Lindley, Jodie Meyer, Linda Mora, Sheryl Parker, Lois Pearson, Cindy Plunkett, Elaine Rodriguez, R.C. Rodriguez, Jose Sanchez, George Terrell, Alex Travieso, Joy Ulcak, Beth Ann Willstrop, Brian Woods

Staff Members Present: Dr. John Folks, Dr. Eleanor Elder, Dr. Dan DeGuire, George Torres.

Linda Mora welcomed our new NEIC member Christine Hernandez, Community Representative.

I. Approval of Minutes

Mary Adams made a motion that the minutes be approved as written and Brian Woods seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. NISD School Finance

Dr. John Folks, Superintendent, presented **The School Finance Story**.

This powerpoint presentation is for all patrons of the district expounding on the impact of the school finance crisis on Northside ISD. The information has been presented to the NCN members of the district, NEIC members, and will be presented to all principal groups. Dr. Folks suggested that principals present the information to their staff and PTA members. We need to get the word out that NISD will be in a crisis situation if something is not done about school financing by the Texas State Legislature. The funding provided by the state is no longer adequate and much of the funding is now falling on local property tax payers.

NISD is a flatline revenue district as we have reached our maximum tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100.00 of property value. Expenditures will continue to go up while revenue will stay flatlined. Impact on the district may include increased class sizes, program cuts, possible salary freeze, loss of teachers to other districts, less student support, supply shortages, and being unable to upgrade technology. What can you do? Communicate with your State Representatives and State Senators and impress upon them the urgency for the state to provide a long-term solution to increase the state's funding capacity.

III. Update on Student Success Initiative

Dr. Eleanor Elder, Executive Director of Elementary Instruction, presented an update on Student Success Initiative. Dr. Elder presented the 2002 Report on Elementary Reading Program submitted to the NISD Board of Trustees. The report included charts and

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graphs explaining the overall Reading Program for Pre Kinder-12. Student reading levels, curriculum, instruction and assessment, core reading interventions for elementary students, reading staff development, NISD promotion requirements were all presented.

IV. No Child Left Behind Impact on Instructional Assistants

Dr. Dan DeGuire, Human Resources, presented information on the impact of No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 on NISD Instructional Assistants. Section 1119, "Qualifications of Teachers and Paraprofessionals" details the requirements that paraprofessionals must meet in order to work in a Title I school.

Simply stated, there are three methods of complying with the new requirement:

- Completion of an associates degree or higher, OR
- Completion of two years of college/university study, OR
- Demonstrate through a formal assessment the ability in instruction AND knowledge of reading, writing and mathematics.

NISD has taken steps to insure that our Instructional Assistants meet these requirements. A Career Development Facilitator, Nancy Brann, has been hired to assist Instructional Assistants meet the requirements. She is in the process of meeting with all 30 Title I schools and their Instructional Assistants. Opportunities are available to all Instructional Assistants for testing opportunities, remedial study for TABE tests, and going to college.

V. Other issues

Honors/GT courses will be discussed at a future meeting.

There will be a meeting on December 3, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

VI. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Christine Johnson and seconded by Lois Pearson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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 Rebecca Barron-Flores, NEIC President, at Passmore Elementary School, (678-2800) or Linda Mora, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & 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: Mary Adams, Carson Elem.; Joy Ulcak, Boone. Intermediate: Brian Christoffersen, Thornton; Veronica Arteaga, Brauchle. Elementary Specialist: Diane Aguilar, Ed Cody. Middle School (Academic Core): Thomas Koog, Connally; Elaine Rodriguez; Jordan Middle School (Other): Cindy Plunkett, Pease M.S. High School (Academic Core): Lynn Britton, Jay; Isabel Fears, Sunset H.S. 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: Kathy Lindley, Pat Neff M.S.,. Nurses: Jodie Meyer, Oak Hills Terrace, Elementary Administration: Rebecca Barron-Flores, Passmore Elem. Secondary Administration: Brian Woods, Clark H.S.. CO Professional Staff: R.C. Rodriguez, Dir., Bilingual/ESL; Paraprofessionals: Roxanne King, Pat Neff M.S.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Roger Ayala, Tammy French, Dr. Bill Clark, Nancy Medrano, Patricia Hitch

PTA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Lois Pearson

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: Janet Beach, Terry Condon, Christine Hernandez, Jose Sanchez, Sharon Itz, George Terrell, Alex Travieso

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES: Eddie Barron, Yvonne Fernandez

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