

NORTHSIDE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The December 3, 2002 meeting of NEIC was called to order by President Rebecca Barron-Flores at 6:12 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Adams, Diane Aguilar, Veronica Arteaga, Rebecca Barron-Flores, Janet Beach, Lynn Britton, Terry Condon, Isabel Fears, Yvonne Fernandez, Christine Hernandez, Patricia Hitch, Christine Johnson, Thomas Koog, Jr., Kathy Lindley, Nancy Medrano, Jodie Meyer, Sheryl Parker, R. C. Rodriguez, Jose Sanchez, George Terrell, Alex Travieso, Joy Ulcak, Beth Ann Willstrop

Staff Members Present: Linda Mora, Dr. Pat Teicher, Priscilla Shaver, Richard Krueger, Dr. Eleanor Elder

I. Approval of Minutes from November 5, 2002.

Alex Travieso moved that the minutes be approved as written. Isabel Fears seconded the motion. Motion approved.

II. AEIS Report

Linda Mora, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, presented the AEIS (Academic Excellence Indicator System) Report to the NEIC members. Annually TEA provides this report to every district and every campus on student performance, attendance, dropout rate, student and staff demographics, and other information. State law requires that a public meeting be held with NEIC and the Board to review the report. Linda Mora reported that Northside ISD was a recognized district for the third year in a row. As 2002-2003 is a transition year from TAAS to TAKS the rating will stay the same for next year. The overall passing rate for Reading was 92.4%, Writing-89.4%, Math-93.2%, Social Studies-84.4% and All Students-85.9%. All scores are up from 2001. Charts for TAAS, End of Year Exams, SAT/ACT Results, Advanced Placement, Attendance, Dropout Rate, and Completion Rate were displayed and discussed. The demographics for Northside ISD by student, teacher, teachers by degree, teachers by years of experience, teachers by salary and actual teacher salaries were also discussed. The report will be presented to the Board of Trustees in December.

III. District Improvement Plan

Texas Education Code 11.252 mandates that each district will have a District improvement plan that is to be developed, evaluated, and revised annually. The purpose of the DIP is to guide the district and campus staff in the improvement of student performance for all students. Linda Mora presented Northside's DIP. She explained how the plan was structured and how the DIP, the Strategic Plan and other plans used in the district will all be brought together so that we are working only from one document. This District Improvement Plan has been aligned with the No Child Left Behind Act. Goals, as well as the strategy or action to be done,

were discussed. Linda Mora went on to explain that each school has a School Improvement Plan that is used to compile the DIP.

IV. High School Teaching Schedule

Linda Mora and Richard Krueger presented this item for members of NEIC to consider. The concern is that the current accelerated 4x4 block that is presently used in five of our high schools may not be the most effective way to prepare our students for the TAKS test which will occur in late April/early May. Linda Mora explained that presently we have one high school using the A/B rotating schedule, two high schools using the seven periods a day schedule and five high schools using the 4/4 accelerated block schedule. TAKS will test English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies and with the accelerated block schedule students may have a large gap in instruction between taking the courses and taking the TAKS test. These five high schools are being asked to consider changing to either the A/B rotating schedule or a seven period day schedule. Information is being presented to principals and staff members concerning this change in schedules and their input will be presented to NEIC members in January. Linda Mora indicated that she will also send several research articles on block scheduling to NEIC members with our next agenda. This item will be on the agenda for our next meeting.

V. Gifted and Talented

This item on the agenda was rolled over to our next meeting.

VI. Other Issues

Strategic Plan Committees-A question was asked as to when members of NEIC who are part of the Strategic Plan would know which committee they had been assigned and when they would be meeting and if this would conflict with our next meeting. Strategic Plan members will find out in January which committee they have been assigned and that meetings would probably begin the 2nd or 3rd week in January. It was asked that our next NEIC meeting date be off limits to the Strategic Plan Committees in order for members to attend NEIC.

The next meeting of NEIC is scheduled for February 4, 2003.

VII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by R.C. Rodriguez and seconded by Joy Ulcak. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

APPROVED

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 Beauch, Terry Condon, Christine Hernandez, Jose Sanchez, Sharon Itz, George Terrell,, Alex Travieso

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES: Eddie Barron, Yvonne Fernandez