

Northside Educational Improvement Council

The April 1, 2003 meeting was called to order by President Rebecca Barron-Flores at 6:09 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Adams, Diane Aguilar, Terri Askin, Veronica Arteaga, Rebecca Barron-Flores, Janet Beauch, Brian Christoffersen, Terry Condon, Isabel Fears, Yvonne Fernandez, Patricia Hitch, Christine Johnson, Roxanne King, Thomas Koog, Jr., Kathy Lindley, Nancy Medrano, Jodie Meyer, Sheryl Parker, Lois Pearson, Cindy Plunkett, R.C. Rodriguez, Jose Sanchez, George Terrell, Alex Travieso, Joy Ulcak, Beth Ann Willstrop

Staff Members Present: Linda Mora, Dr. Pat Teicher, Dr. Eleanor Elder

I. Approval of minutes from February 4, 2003

Mary Adams moved that the minutes be approved as written. Joy Ulcak seconded the motion. Motion approved.

II. Preliminary 3rd Grade TAKS Results

Linda Mora, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, presented the District Summary Reports outlining student performance on the 3rd grade reading portion of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills. Northside ISD tested 4745 students and had a passing rate of 93%. 27% of the 4745 students tested were commended meaning they scored 90% or better on the test. 411 students did not pass the first round of testing and will have the opportunity to retake the test on April 30th.

III. Budget Considerations for 2003-2004

Linda Mora presented budget reduction considerations that may impact the 2003-2004 school year. These items have already been presented to the Board but no final decisions have been made.

- No salary increase/freeze all salaries \$10, 288,930
 - 1% rather than 3% would save \$6,859,297
 - 1.5% rather than 3% would save \$5,144,465
 - 2% rather than 3% would save \$3,431,643
- Budget reductions of 1.5% (non-campus based) \$ 2,230,675
- Increase student/teacher ratio at high schools \$ 1,229,455
 - From 25.47 to 26.50, saves 30.5 teaching units
- Increase student/teacher ratio at middle schools \$ 2,862,010
 - From 20.33 to 22.33, saves 71 teaching units
- Increase counselor/student ratio \$ 960,000
 - From 1/400 to 1/425, saves 20 units
 - Increase Head Counselor caseload to 1/212
- Reduce PE units at Elementary Schools, saves 12.5 units \$ 318,005
 - If allotment is 1.5 then the .5 is an IA
 - If allotment is 2.0 then 2 fulltime teachers
- Eliminate 1 library assistant at high schools, saves 7 units \$ 125,147
- Combine Challenge and Sunset High School, saves 15.5 \$ 312,700
- Gifted/Talented Program, saves 8 units \$ 322,480
 - 25 or more classroom units = full time G/T teacher

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• Not fill Deputy for Support Services, saves 1 unit	\$ 116,931
• Bilingual Program, saves 1 unit	\$ 91,000
• State Compensatory Education	\$ 524,030
Reallocate 13 of 81 elementary Reading Specialists, saves 13 units	
High School CMC teacher from 4 to 3, saves 7 units	\$ 282,170
• Testing and Evaluation	\$ 73,147
No ITBS for 2 nd grade	
• Special Education Program 4-5% cut	\$ 1,819,609
• Adult and Community Education	\$ 67,000
• Coaches teaching 1 more period	\$ 200,000
• Reduce staff at Alternative Elementary Program, saves 4 units	\$ 150,000
• Eliminate field trip allocations	\$ 72,789
• Roll forward of Formula Accounts, allow only 50%	\$ 600,000
• Reduce Improvement in Budget forecast model	\$ 1,000,000
• Eliminate Summer Recreation Program	\$ 36,870
• Additional Duty and Extra Day Stipends	\$ 535,419
 TOTAL	 \$24,218,367

The Board of Trustees will have another budget meeting on April 10th and in May. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions about the budget email Rebecca Barron-Flores or Linda Mora.

IV. **Employee Day School/PPCD Expansion**

Dr. Pat Teicher, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, presented the Employee Day School/PPCD services available to NISD employees. The program is presently in 6 Northside schools. Proposal includes expanding this program to another 3 schools. Christine Johnson moved that NEIC support the PPCD/Employee Preschool Project and expand it to 3 more schools and possibly increasing the tuition so that it is self-sufficient. Mary Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. **Other Issues**

George Terrell announced that he is filing for the District 2 Trustee position.

A notice will be sent if a May meeting is called.

VI. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Lois Pearson and seconded by Patricia Hitch. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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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

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