

Northside Educational Improvement Council

The May 7, 2003 meeting of NEIC was called to order by President Rebecca Barron-Flores at 6:08 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Adams, Diane Aguilar, Veronica Arteaga, Terri Askin, Rebecca Barron-Flores, Bill Clark, Isabel Fears, Christine Hernandez, Patricia Hitch, Christine Johnson, Thomas Koog, Jr., Kathy Lindley, Jodie Meyer, Cindy Plunkett, R.C. Rodriguez, George Terrell, Alex Travieso, Joy Ulcak, Beth Ann Willstrop, Brian Woods

Staff Members Present: Linda Mora, Dr. Pat Teicher, Sallie Lewis,

Guests: Ruben Perez, Paul Garro, Irene Chavez, Tanya Haug, Marie Ramirez

I. Approval of Minutes from April 1, 2003

Mary Adams made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Joy Ulcak seconded the motion. Motion approved.

II. Strategic Plan

Linda Mora, Deputy Superintendent, presented the Draft of the Strategic Plan 2003-2008 to NEIC members. The formal presentation of the Strategic Plan 2003-2008 was conducted at the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee Dinner on April 2, 2003. Many NEIC members participated on this committee. Sallie Lewis reviewed the plan with NEIC members for last minute input. The Strategic Plan 2003-2008 will be presented to the Board on May 27, 2003. The Strategic Plan will become the basis for the District Improvement Plan that will include action plans developed each year of the 5 years. Thanks were extended to Sallie Lewis for all of her hard work. Patricia Hitch made a motion to accept the Strategic Plan 2003-2008 and that it be presented to the Board. Brian Woods seconded the motion. Motion approved.

III. Evening School/Tuition Plan

Linda Mora and Ruben Perez, Principal of Evening High School, presented a proposal for raising the tuition and teacher's hourly rate to be more in line with area schools and to help Evening High School be self-sustaining. The proposal suggested raising the tuition from \$90 to \$110 for In District and from \$110 to \$130 for Out-of-District students. Additionally, it was recommended that teacher's pay be raised to \$20 per hour. Christine Johnson motioned that Evening High School increase in tuition by \$20 and increase pay for teachers to \$20 per hour. Brian Woods seconded the motion. 16 Yes and 3 No. Motion carried. A suggestion was made that this be reviewed again next year.

IV. Challenge/Sunset High School

Irene Chavez, Challenge High School, and Paul Garro, Sunset High School, presented a status report on the proposed combination of Challenge and Sunset High Schools. The “Merged” High School has been designed for students who thrive in non-traditional, learning environments with personalized instruction focused on the acquisition of TEKS required for graduation. Extended hours of operation, use of on-line curriculum, and relevant application of the curriculum assures a meaningful experience. Isabel Fears moved that we accept the proposal with the recommendation that the hours of operation be extended from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm depending on student needs. Beth Ann Willstrop seconded the motion. 19 Yes and 1 No. Motion carried.

V. Other Issues

Tanya Haug and Marie Ramirez provided an update for NEIC members on the Northside Independent School District Smaller Learning Communities Implementation Grant Program. The proposal for the grant is due on May 19, 2003 and will be decided in early August. The district could be granted up to \$2.5 million dollars for this proposal. A draft letter was presented indicating NEIC’s support. A suggestion was made to have a money amount indicated in the letter of support. Alex Travieso made a motion that NEIC support the grant proposal as presented. Veronica Arteaga seconded the motion. Motion approved.

All NEIC members were asked to complete the 2003 Texas Planning and Decision-Making Survey on line at the following link:

http://landry.tea.state.tx.us/TEA_Survey/ACT/survey.htm

All survey responses should be entered online and submitted electronically no later than May 23, 2003.

VI. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Joy Ulcak and seconded by Mary Adams. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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, Dave Gannon, 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