

## ***Northside Educational Improvement Council***

The October 7, 2003 meeting of NEIC was called to order by President Rebecca Barron-Flores at 6:15 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mary Adams, Diane Aguilar, Veronica Arteaga, Dr. Bette Austin, Rose Barrios, Rebecca Barron-Flores, Gretchen Bernabei, Kristi Bolstad, Sharon Chadwell, Sharon Christensen, Patty Conlin, Yvonne Fernandez, Randy Harmon, Laura Hinton, Patricia Hitch, Linda Koehler, Thomas Koog Jr., Phil Lange, Kathy Lindley, Elizabeth Maldonado, Kelly Mantle, Lourdes Medina, Jodie Meyer, Priscilla Paul, Marie Ramirez, Jose Sanchez, Bill Singleton, George Terrell, Sharon Thornton, Alex Travieso, Beth Ann Willstrop, Brian Woods

**Staff Members Present:** Linda Mora, Dr. Eleanor Elder, Dr. Pat Teicher, Rosemary Perez, Richard Krueger, George Torres

### **I. Approval of Minutes from September 2, 2003**

Veronica Arteaga moved that the minutes be approved as written. Patricia Hitch seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **II. Election of Officers**

New officers for the next year were elected. Brian Woods nominated Rebecca Barron-Flores for president. Jose Sanchez seconded the nomination. Thomas Koog nominated Kristi Bolstad for president. Gretchen Bernabei seconded the nomination. Votes were taken and with a majority vote Rebecca Barron-Flores was elected president. Mary Adams nominated Alex Travieso for vice-president and Jose Sanchez seconded the nomination. As nominations closed George Terrell moved that Alex Travieso be elected the vice president by acclamation. Kathy Lindley seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Priscilla Paul nominated Sharon Christensen as secretary and Yvonne Fernandez seconded the nomination. George Terrell moved that all nominations seize and that Sharon Christensen be elected by acclamation. Kristi Bolstad seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

### **III. Recognition of Outgoing Members and Welcome of New Members**

Outgoing members Diane Aguilar, Veronica Arteaga, Yvonne Fernandez, Thomas Koog, Jodie Meyer and Beth Ann Willstrop were thanked for all of their hard work on NEIC. New members introduced were Randy Harmon, Dr. Bette Austin, Bill Singleton, Kelly Mantle, Rose Barrios, Sharon Michael Chadwell, Linda Koehler, Kristi Bolstad, Sharon Christensen, Gretchen Bernabei, Marie Ramirez, Lourdes Medina, Elizabeth Maldonado, Priscilla Paul, Patty Conlin, and Sharon Thornton. New members attended an orientation conducted by Diana Ely, Director for Organizational and Staff Development and Rebecca Barron-Flores, Council Chairperson, before the regularly scheduled meeting.

**IV. Discussion and Approval of Waivers**

**A. Early Release for Health Careers High School**

As Health Careers High School is hosting the Area Health Occupations Student Association meeting on January 30, 2004, Northside ISD is applying for an expedited waiver to allow students to be released at noon on that day.

**B. Early Release for Comprehensive High Schools (except HCHS)**

On February 27-29 Northside will be hosting the Texas State Academic Decathlon at Clark High School. This event will bring approximately 400 students from across the state. Many staff members and teachers will be needed to ensure that the competition runs smoothly; therefore, Northside is applying for an expedited waiver to allow students to be released at noon on Friday, February 27, 2004 in order for the Academic Decathlon to begin at 1:00 p.m. Patricia Hitch moved that NEIC approve the 2 waivers and Linda Koehler seconded the motion. The waivers were approved and will be presented to the Board.

**C. Foreign Exchange Students**

A waiver to limit the number of foreign exchange students who attend NISD high schools is needed due to the already crowded conditions at NISD schools. Texas Education Code section 25.001 (b)(6), does not limit the total number of foreign exchange students a district must accept. Northside ISD is requesting a waiver to limit the number of foreign exchange students to a total of six per comprehensive high school. This waiver is for the school years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006. After much discussion, Kristi Bolstad moved that the waiver be accepted as written and Sharon Chadwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved and will be sent to the Board.

**V. Report on No Child Left Behind and Adequate Yearly Progress**

Linda Mora showed a power point presentation that highlighted the differences between the Texas Accountability System and NCLB. This is the first year that the national accountability system known as No Child Left Behind impacts schools and districts. A printout of the powerpoint presentation will be sent out to all NEIC members in attendance.

**VI. Report on Academic Excellence Indicator Report**

Linda Mora showed a power point presentation highlighting the Academic Excellence Indicator Report for 2002-2003. A copy of the AEIS power point will be sent to all NEIC members in attendance.

**VII. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Patricia Hitch and seconded by Rose Barrios. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.; Kelly Mantle, Howsman. Intermediate: Rose Barrios, Leon Valley; Sharon Michael-Chadwell, Raba Elementary Specialist: Linda P. Koehler, Howsman/Ward Elementary. Middle School (Academic Core): Sue Richards, Connally M.S.; Kristi Bolstad, Connally M.S.; (Other): Cindy Plunkett, Pease M.S. High School (Academic Core): Sharon A. Christensen, Jay; Gretchen Bernabei, O'Connor High School. Marie Ramirez, Warren H.S. High School (Business): High School (Other): Lourdes J. Medina, Warren High School. Special Campuses: Elizabeth Maldonado, N.S. Alt. M.S. North Counselors: Priscilla Paul, Brauchle. Librarians: Kathy Lindley, Pat Neff M.S., Nurses: Patty Conlin, Stevenson Middle School. Elementary Administration: Rebecca Barron-Flores, Locke Hill Elem. Secondary Administration: Brian Woods, Clark H.S.. CO Professional Staff: R.C. Rodriguez, Dir., Bilingual/ESL; Paraprofessionals: Sharon Thornton, Northside Habilitation Program.

**PARENT REPRESENTATIVES:** Randy Harmon, David Gannon, Dr. Bill Clark, Bette Austin, Nancy Medrano, Patricia Hitch

**PTA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:** Lois Pearson

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:** Terry Condon, Jose Sanchez, George Terrell,, Alex Travieso, Christine Hernandez, Janet Beauch, Phil Lange

**BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES:** Danny Adams, Bill Singleton

**NEIC Officers:** Rebecca Barron-Flores, President; Alex Travieso, Vice President; Sharon Christensen, Secretary.