

*Northside Educational Improvement Council*

The January 6, 2004 meeting of the NEIC was called to order by President Rebecca Barron-Flores at 6:10 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mary Adams, Rebecca Barron-Flores, Gretchen Bernabei, Kristi Bolstad, Sharon Chadwell, Sharon Christensen, Patricia Hitch, Kathy Lindley, Elizabeth Maldonado, Kelly Mantle, Lourdes Medina, Nancy Medrano, Priscilla Paul, Marie Ramirez, Sue Richards, R.C. Rodriguez

**Staff Members Present:** Dr. John Folks, Linda Mora, Dr. Eleanor Elder, Richard Krueger, Pat Teicher,

**Special Guest:** Randall Fields, Member, Board of Trustees

**I. Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2003.**

Mary Adams moved that the minutes be approved as written. Patricia Hitch seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**II. 2004 Bond Presentation**

Dr. Folks provided a brief summary of the timeline and process followed in the development of the 2004 bond proposal. The Citizens' Bond Committee focused on four main areas of concern for the district: growth, renovation, technology and finance to develop a bond proposal. A steering committee then met with Dr. Folks to develop a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. Trustees approved the \$439 million proposal which will provide funding for: 1. 11 new schools; 2. 60 more classrooms; 3. Improvements and renovations; 4. 12 future school sites; 5. Replace older and add new buses 6. Technology and security.

After a PowerPoint presentation was made, Dr. Folks answered questions.

Randall Fields then endorsed the bond and stated that all NISD finances are being very well managed.

**III. 2005-2006 School Calendar**

Linda Mora presented 3 different versions of the calendar for 2005-06 school year. She noted 3 basic requirements of any school calendar: 180 instructional days are required by the state; 3 instructional days are traded for staff development days as per TEA waiver; and –all Texas schools must begin after the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. The NEIC favors versions #2 as the full two-week Winter Break seems to be more important to most members. The number of teaching days between the two semesters is more equitable than the calendar that ends the semester before the break.

**IV. Waiver for Staff Development**

Linda Mora presented a request to seek a TEA waiver once again to allow NISD to operate 177 instructional days and use three days for staff development. The NEIC approved the request which will be presented to the Board of Trustees before being sent to TEA.

**V. Other Issues**

Sue Richards asked if middle school teaming and block schedules were going to be cut. She and Kristi Bolstad stated that both are very effective in working with middle school students and that faculty hopes the programs will stay in place. Dr. Folks and Linda Mora said the programs will not be cut next year, but possibly in the years to come if the state does not finance education adequately.

**VI. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Patricia Hitch and seconded by Sharon Chadwell. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 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 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, Passmorell 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 Beach, Phil Lange

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

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