

Northside Educational Improvement Council

The June 1, 2004 meeting of the NEIC was called to order by President Rebecca Barron-Flores at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Adams, Rebecca Barron-Flores, Gretchen Bernabei, Kristi Bolstad, Sharon Chadwell, Sharon Christensen, Dave Gannon, Randy Harmon, Patricia Hitch, Linda Koehler, Kelly Mantle, Lourdes Medina, Linda Mora, Priscilla Paul, Cindy Plunkett, Marie Ramirez, Sue Richards, R.C. Rodriguez, Bill Singleton, George Terrell, Sharon Thornton, and Brian Woods.

Special Guests: Dr. Folks, Lynn Britton, Richard Krueger, Dr. Eleanor Elder, Rosemary Perez, Priscilla Shaver, Sallie Lewis, and Lois Pearson.

I. Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2004

Kristi Bolstad moved that the minutes be approved as written. Linda Koehler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

II. NCLB Budget and Program Recommendations

Rosemary Perez presented a review of all Title programs for 2003-2004 and the programs planned for 2004-2005. Each member was provided with an overview of the 2004-2005 Student Support Programs. All recommendations were approved.

Dr. Folks gave a brief message congratulating all on a good year, especially the teachers. He said the TAKS results were all above state average, except in one area. There will be 4,000+ students enrolled in summer school. The weather this spring has hampered construction on new schools, but there is a plan in place should Hatchett Elementary School not be ready by start time. Much concern still exists about the state's financing of education.

III. G/T Advisory Council

Priscilla Shaver introduced Bill Singleton, G/T Advisory Council president, who presented a review of the G/T program achievements for 2003-2004. Staffing issues were brought up as each member received a report recognizing achievements made in G/T as well as observations and recommendations made by the council concerning staffing issues, program, student demographic, curriculum and instruction, and professional development issues.

Lois Pearson questioned the consistency of the G/T program across the district.

Dave Gannon questioned the identification of and attention given to "creative" giftedness by the program. Priscilla Shaver spoke on both issues stating that the program is still growing and both issues are being addressed through shared curriculum units at the elementary level and Independent Study Mentorship (ISM) opportunities in high school.

IV. District Strategic Plan

Sallie Lewis presented each member with a draft copy of the accomplishments by the lead departments from year one of the district SIP. Each member will receive executive summaries of the plan as they become available.

V. Other issues

A. David Gannon suggested a thorough reading of the District Strategic Plan by an English teacher before it is finalized.

B. Mary Adams asked for an update on the “foods of minimal nutritional value” policy.

Dr. Elder answered that 2 class parties and 1 campus party are allowed per year where food on the approved list may be served. One hundred days celebrations and/or labs requiring food are approved—as long as the food comes from the approved list—because the activities are instructional.

VI. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by R.C. Rodriguez and seconded by Sue Richards. 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 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 (397-8635). 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, Passmore 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: Kim DeCock

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.