

NORTHSIDE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The October 5, 2004 meeting of the NEIC was called to order by President Rebecca Barron-Flores at 6:17 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Adams, Rebecca Barron-Flores, Janet Beauch, JoAnn Campbell, Sharon Chadwell, Sharon Christensen, Kim DeCock, Milton Fields, Cynthia Herrera, Christine Hernandez, Patricia Hitch, Linda Koehler, Lourdes Medina, Priscilla Paul, Don Pittman, Cindy Plunkett, R.C. Rodriguez, Denise Stanton, Sharon Thornton, Alex Travieso, Linda Williams, and Terry Zablocki.

Staff Members Present: George Torres, Linda Mora, Sara Mc Andrews, Lynda Reyes, Rosemary Perez, and Don Schmidt.

Special Guests: Dr. Folks, Shirley Schreiber, Linda Seewald, and Paul Kienlen.

I. Introduce/ Welcome new and returning members and recognize outgoing members.

II. Dr. Folks' Welcome—NEIC serves an important purpose in the district but it is a “recommending” committee. The work of the committee is appreciated. Dr. Folks spoke about the budget and explained the differences between the Texas Accountability System and the AYP under NCLB.

III. Approval of Minutes from Sept.7, 2004.

Milton Fields moved that the minutes be approved as written. Terry Zablocki seconded the motion. Motion approved.

IV. Election of officers

The new NEIC officers elected are: President: Rebecca Barron-Flores; Vice-President: Christine Hernandez; Secretary: Sharon Michael-Chadwell

V. Update on AYP and Texas Accountability Ratings

Linda Mora explained the procedure for corrective actions at Rayburn Middle School.

VI. School Health Advisory Council Recommendations

Shirley Schreiber and Linda Seewald presented the council's recommendation of “Choosing the Best Path,” an abstinence-based program to be used with all 8th grade students during their PE classes, with parental permission. This program will replace previous programs and is estimated to cost \$37,000 the first year and \$25,000 subsequent years. Funding is being sought. A motion to approve the recommendations was made by Terry Zablocki and seconded by Sharon Michael-Chadwell. Motion approved.

VII. Title VII Evaluation Report

R.C. Rodriguez and Paul Kienlen presented the results of a three-year grant for dual language at two elementary campuses, May and Esparza Elementary. It is proposed that the program be

expanded to include additional elementary schools and consideration given to middle schools, Stinson, in particular. Terry Zablocki asked that a statement in their presentation, “passive, supportive parents on the southside and informed, proactive parents on the northside” be removed so as not to further divide the district with generalizations.

VIII. Band Instrument Fees

Linda Mora read the proposal from James Miculka asking for a \$30 fee per year to use district-owned instruments. This fee would cover cleaning and refurbishing costs. Students who could not afford the fee would be handled on a case-by-case, campus-by-campus basis. Terry Zablocki motioned that the proposal be approved, and Lou Medina seconded. Motion approved.

IX. Classroom Supply Reimbursement Account

Linda Mora presented a draft of how the district proposes to implement reimbursement from a grant for classroom supplies. The district received a \$60,000 grant and will match it with \$60,000. There are two proposed ways to distribute the \$120,000. Option one is equal distribution to all classroom teachers. This will break down to approximately \$23.50 per teacher. Option two is to distribute it on a graduated scale with first year teachers able to apply for up to \$75.00 reimbursement; 1-5 year teachers \$50.00; and 6-10 year \$25.00 (first come, first served). NEIC requested clarification of state rules regarding the reimbursement and will discuss the issue further in November. Ms. Mora stated that the state guidelines would be sent with the November agenda.

VII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Williams and seconded by Sharon Michael-Chadwell. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 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, Dr. Bette Austin, Nancy Medrano, Patricia Hitch

PTA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Kim DeCock

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; Christine Hernandez, Vice President; Sharon Michael-Chadwell, Secretary.