

***Northside Educational Improvement Council***

The January 20, 2005 meeting of the NEIC was called to order by President Rebecca Barron-Flores at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present** were Bette Austin, Janet Beach, Gretchen Bernabei, JoAnn Campbell, Sharon Chadwell, Patty Conlin, Chris DeArmond, Kim DeCock, Milton Fields, Dave Gannon, Randy Harmon, Cynthia Herrera, Patricia Hitch, Lourdes Medina, Priscilla Paul, Don Pittman, Denise Stanton, Linda L. Williams, and Terry Zablocki.

**Staff Member Present:** Dr. Folks, Linda Mora, Sandra Poth, Sara McAndrew, Don Schmidt, Lynda Reyes, Ron Tatsch

**Dr. Folks addressed the council and made the following remarks:**

**Budget Concerns:**

- Due to budget constraints for the 2005-2006 school year, it was necessary to make scheduling changes at the middle and high school levels. This then decreased the number of teachers allocated for the new school year.
- Department funding (non-campus) will be decreased by approximately \$8 million.
- Central Office comprises only 2.7% of the district's budget.
- No further budget cuts are expected at the campus level for 2005-2006.
- At this time all programs are being preserved.
- A salary increase of 3% has been included into the 2005-06 budget.

**AEIS Report:**

Dr. Folks reported that at this time, the district looks very good. NISD is currently a recognized district – one of two in Texas of the 10 largest districts. He is very happy with the overall district progress.

**Construction:**

As expected, we continue to grow. Stevenson High School will be completed in March, ahead of schedule with furniture delivered in April. Krueger Elementary is slightly behind schedule, but very capable of meeting completion before the new school year begins.

Linda Mora announced that the Secretary of NEIC had to resign and that another person was needed to fill the job. After some discussion, Linda Williams of Howsman Elementary agreed to accept the position for the rest of the year.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The following change was made: Add Chris DeArmond as present.

Motion to approve as amended by Patricia Hitch with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Milton Fields. The motion carried.

**Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) Summary**

Given by Sandra Poth, Director of Testing and Evaluation

- ◆ TELPAS – Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System mandated under TEA and No Child Left Behind – to assess LEP students in spring 2005.
- ◆ Student assessment required for all Bilingual, ESL, and students whose parents have declined services.
- ◆ Areas to be assessed include Reading, Writing, and Language Development.
- ◆ LAT - Linguistically Accommodated Testing
  - ◆ Testing accommodations can be implemented as long as documented for TAKS/SDAAII
  - ◆ 1 year exempt, 2+ scores count
- ◆ RPTE -
  - ◆ All students will be assessed even if they have scored a “3” in previous years. In addition, the state has added a “4” score for a student who has accomplished a rating of advanced high.
  - ◆ The test will be administered 3/22 with make up on 3/23 & 3/24. Students in second grade through high school will be tested using this assessment.
- ◆ TOP (Texas Observation Protocol)
  - ◆ Window 3/21 - 4/8 for testing.
  - ◆ Teachers will collect 5 writing samples on the core subject areas that will then stay in the student’s permanent record file.

**District AEIS Report - Linda Mora**

Highlights of the AEIS Report will be presented to the board at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Ms. Mora focused on the accountability subset of the data since those are the areas on which districts are rated. Accountability ratings are based on student performance on TAKS, SDAA, attendance and dropout and completion rates. Additional information includes student demographics and program participation, staff demographics including years of experience, salaries, and program assignments. Tax rates, revenues and expenditures are also included in the financial section.

**Summer School Program**

Draft information on summer school programs was discussed. Summer programs included STEP, middle school and high school tuition based programs and enrichment programs offered by Fine Arts, Special Education, and Adult & Community Education departments. A listing of all programs was provided.

**Calendar 2006/2007 School Year**

- ◆ Discussion was held regarding completion of 1<sup>st</sup> semester prior to winter break.
- ◆ NEIC developed an additional calendar.
- ◆ Calendar amended by NEIC was composed by Ms. Hitch. Motion was made to accept new calendar as one suggested by NEIC by Ms. Hitch and seconded by Ms. Bernabei. Motion carried.

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- ◆ Motion also included statement "We strongly support revised calendar based on best instructional reasoning by parents, teachers, and community.

### Other Issues:

Dave Gannon requested a report or information about SAT and ACT. It was noted that this item would be placed on the agenda at the next meeting.

### Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Gannon and seconded by Ms. Hitch. Motion carried by members.

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 (397-8635). Minutes of all meetings are posted at Central Office and at each school.

#### NEIC MEMBERS:

#### STAFF REPRESENTATIVES:

Primary: JoAnn Campbell, Boone Elem.; Kelly Mantle, Howsman. Intermediate: Linda L. Williams, Howsman; Sharon Michael-Chadwell, Raba. Elementary Specialist: Linda P. Koehler, Ward Elementary. Middle School (Academic Core): Sue Richards, Luna M.S.; Cynthia Herrera, Sul Ross M.S.; (Other): Chris DeArmond, Pease M.S. High School (Academic Core): Terry Zablocki, Warren H.S.; Gretchen Bernabei, O'Connor High School. Milton Fields, Taft H.S. High School (Business): High School (Other): Lourdes J. Medina, Warren High School. Special Campuses: Ronald Hyde, Northside Excel Academy. Counselors: Priscilla Paul, Brauchle. Librarians: Denise Stanton, Colby Glass Elem. Nurses: Patty Conlin, Stevenson Middle School. Elementary Administration: Rebecca Barron-Flores, Passmore Elem. Secondary Administration: Don Pittman, Warren 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 Beauch, Phil Lange

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

**NEIC Officers:** Rebecca Barron-Flores, President; Christine Hernandez, Vice President; Linda Williams, Secretary.