

Northside Educational Improvement Council

President Priscilla Paul, counselor at Brauchle Elementary, called the December 6, 2005 meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Northside School District Board Room.

Members Present: Mary Adams, Diane Aguilar, Jo Ann Campbell, Angela Fry, Dave Gannon, Brad Hebert, Cynthia Herrera, Richard Hill Jr., Lisa Holmes, Laura Lara, Maureen Lopez, Lourdes Medina, Carolyn Mullins, Kim Neal, Joe O'Brien, Priscilla Paul, Rosemary Perez, Don Pittman, Leonard Preston, Vicki Sills, Linda Williams, and Terry Zablocki.

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

President Priscilla Paul called for approval of the minutes from October 4, 2005. The motion was made by Mr. Gannon and seconded by Diane Aguilar.

Bonnie Ellison and Mary Etlinger representing the Northside Education Foundation (NEF) reviewed the process of establishing specific grants. A slide presentation highlighted the history, mission, fundraising programs, use of designated funds, a review of the funding sources, and grants awarded. NEF offers donors other avenues to honor celebrations and to help campuses sponsor designated fund raising events. Mr. Gannon asked about the strategy used to procure funds from the public. Ms. Ellison responded that since the foundation has zero administration costs, the donor can specify the use of the monies donated. The major purpose of the foundation is to raise monies for the benefit of Northside students.

New community representatives Joe O'Brien and Leonard Preston were welcomed to the committee.

Mr. James Miculka presented an update on Fine Arts as requested. A slide show provided an overview of the program. 85% of Northside students are served by the fine arts department. The committee asked about stipends for the fine arts faculty in the secondary schools and the possibility of an honors tier in the secondary program.

Linda Mora presented Academic Excellence Indicators System (AEIS) Report for 2004-2005. When the comparison is made between 2004 and 2005 all areas showed growth, however, focus continues on math and science. Economically disadvantage student group is underperforming, especially in science. The district continues to work to improve in this area and to regain recognized status. Northside is currently testing 97.5% of our students. Completion rate will be changing, and will no longer include the GED population. This change will cause the completion rate to drop. This is an issue that Northside will address. The AP rates dropped and are of a concern to Northside as well.

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The committee then addressed the following waivers. Linda Mora reminded us that these are just continuations of existing waivers:

- 1) **TAKS testing days 2006-2007** – allows the use of modified schedules.
- 2) **Foreign Exchange Students 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009** – limits the number of students per campus.
- 3) **Northside Excel Academy attendance 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009** – allows attendance to be recorded at different times.
- 4) **Pregnancy Related services on campuses 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009** – allows parenting students to be transported to NAC.
- 5) **Less than 180 days of instruction for 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009** – allows for use of 3 days for staff development.
- 6) **Bilingual Program for Arabic language students 2005-2006** – provide services with ESL strategies.

Terry Zablocki moved that we support all waivers and Jo Ann Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Linda Mora announced that the next NEIC meeting would be held on February 7, 2006. With no other actions or other business, the motion to adjourn was made at 830 p.m. by Terry Zablocki and seconded by Jo Ann Campbell. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

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 Priscilla Paul, NEIC President, at Brauchle Elementary School, (397-1500) 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.; JoAnn Campbell, Boone Elem.. Intermediate: Linda L. Williams, Howsman; Angela Fry, Knowlton . Elementary Specialist: Diana Aguilar, Ed Cody Elementary. Middle School (Academic Core): Lisa Holmes, Jordan M.S.; Cynthia Herrera, Sul Ross M.S.; (Other): Chris DeArmond, Pease M.S. High School (Academic Core): Terry Zablocki, Warren High School; Lourdes J. Medina, Warren High School. (Business): Carolyn Mullins, Business Careers High School (Other): Brad Hebert, Health Careers High School. Special Campuses: Vicki Sills, N.S. Children's Center: Counselors: Priscilla Paul, Brauchle/Timberwilde. Librarians: Laura Lara, Ward Elementary,. Nurses: Maureen Lopez, Galm Elementary. Elementary Administration: M. LaNeil Belko, Brauchle Elem. Secondary Administration: Don Pittman, Warren H.S.. District-Level Prof. Staff : R.C. Rodriguez, Dir., Bilingual/ESL; Paraprofessionals: Marie Ybarra, Ed Cody Elementary

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Kim Neal, David Gannon, Dr. Bill Clark, Dr. Bette Austin, Nancy Medrano, Patricia Hitch

PTA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Meri Ann Christopher

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: Joe O'Brien, Christine Hernandez, Janet Beach, Leonard Preston

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES: Bill Singleton, Candice Muster, John Salmons