

***Northside Educational Improvement Council***

The meeting was called to order by Linda Mora, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, at 6:07 p.m. in the NISD board room.

**Members Present:** Mary Adams, Diane Aguilar, Chris DeArmord, Brad Hebert, Cynthia Herrera, Christine Hernandez, Patricia Hitch, Lisa Holmes, Laura Lara, Maureen Lopez, Kim Neal, Don Pittman, Leonard Preston, Vicki Sills, Marie Ybarra, Linda Williams, and Terry Zablocki.

**Staff Present:** Dr. Linda Mora, Rosemary Perez, Sara McAndrew, Lynda Reyes, Carol Rippa, Shirley Screiber, Linda Seewald, Erika Foerster, Sharon Sanchez

Dr. Mora then called for the approval of the minutes from February 7, 2006. With no corrections or additions to the minutes, a motion was made by Mary Adams and seconded by Patricia Hitch to approve as presented.

Board policy FFA (Local) Student Welfare: Wellness and Health Services was then addressed by Linda Seewald, Health and Physical Education Coordinator; Carol Rippa, Director of Food Service; and Shirley Schreiber, Director of Health Services. The policy was developed according to guidelines provided by Texas Association of School Boards. This policy is mandated by the reauthorization of Section 204 of the Child Nutrition and WIC Act of 2004. This policy focuses on nutrition education in grades K-12, physical activity, school based activities, health education, health services, guidance and counseling and school facilities. Also addressed in the policy is how it will be monitored and implemented. Questions arose concerning nurses available at the summer school programs; screening programs for potential diabetes and high insulin levels; campus recreational areas accessible after hours and the liability issues involved; and drink machines in middle and upper schools and how they are stocked. The committee suggested that recreational issues be addressed by the SAT committees at each individual campus so that they can address the needs of the school community.

TAKS Preliminary Data was then presented by Dr. Mora. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading scores met or exceeded prior year performance even with 700 more students. Lynda Reyes explained that in 5<sup>th</sup> grade 481 more students were tested and 259 more students were tested in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The district passing rate for reading in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade was 92% and 86% for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. This may have ramifications in the summer school programs as we may have fewer students.

Governor's Education Excellence Award Grant Program was awarded to Anson Jones Middle School according to Dr. Mora. Erica Foerster and Sharon Sanchez presented the proposal on how the \$180K will be used. Ms. Foerster introduced her campus representatives involved with the campus committee on formation of the proposal. The grant states that 75% of the money has to go to the classroom teachers. Terry Zablocki moved that the committee approve the proposal that gives the administrators \$2,500 for

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the principal and \$2,000 for other campus administrators. The motion was seconded by Patricia Hitch. In discussion some question came up concerning the blanket grade level bonus instead of per teacher. The motion carried.

The revised 2006-2007 calendar was presented by Dr. Mora.

Under other issues a question arose concerning the fine arts requirement for middle school students. Dr. Mora said it would be looked into and addressed at the next meeting. Another issue concerned instructional materials under the new administrative regulations concerning technology software and additional workbooks. These must be supported by research with an approval by the campus administrator. This also has ramifications in the funding and spending issues concerning federal monies.

Don Pittman moved that the committee adjourn at 7:45 p.m. and it was seconded by Chris DeArmond. The motion carried and 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 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 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.; Jo Ann 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 Beauch, Leonard Preston

**BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES:** Bill Singleton, Candice Muster, John Salmons