

Northside Educational Improvement Council

The May 2, 2006, meeting was called to order by President Priscilla Paul, Counselor at Brauchle Elementary at 6:04 p.m. in the NISD board room. President Paul called for the approval of the minutes from April 4, 2006. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes; a motion was made by Patricia Hitch and seconded by Chris DeArmond to approve as presented.

Members Present: Mary Adams, Diane Aguilar, M. LaNeil Belko, Chris DeArmond, Cynthia Herrera, Patricia Hitch, Lisa Holmes, Laura Lara, Maureen Lopez, Lourdes Medina, Priscilla Paul, Don Pittman, R. C. Rodriguez, Vicki Sills, Linda L. Williams, and Terry Zablocki.

Staff Present: Dr. Folks, Dr. Linda Mora, James Miculka, Dr. Sara McAndrew, Rosemary Perez, Sharon Sanchez, Linda Zarakas

NCLB programs and federal funds available for the 2006-2007 school year were discussed and input requested for the application to be submitted to Texas Education Agency. Rosemary Perez clarified the use of funds for Title I, part A; Title V, part A, Title II, Part D; Title I, part C, Title III, part A (LEP & immigrant); Title II, part A; and Title IV and explained the working funding figures for next year. She highlighted the areas that received cuts in funding: Title II, part A; Title II, part D, Title IV, Part A, and Title V, part A. Three of the new schools will open as Title I schools. It was questioned whether or not Algebra Camps were available for students going from middle to high schools. The response was that Title I monies could be used to fund Algebra Camps. The committee members were asked to provide recommendations for programs and return the recommendations to Sharon Sanchez. A question was raised regarding the funding of technology for direct student access and use of CMS. Dr. Mora stated that the CMS was funded through bond monies and some staff are now funded within the general budget.

The local board policy for fine arts requirement for middle school students was brought before the committee for review, discussion, and evaluation. Sara McAndrew reported that the board policy was discussed with the middle school principals during their staffing meeting with Dr. Folks. The majority of the middle schools were in compliance with the policy. Suggestions were given to the principals on ways to comply with the policy.

The committee reviewed the TEA waiver to implement a modified schedule for TAKS testing days during the 2006-2007 school year. Motion was made by Laura Lara and seconded by Diane Aguilar to approve the request. Terry Zablocki raised the problematic issue of forcing students to attend school when they have been exempted from tests. She requested the state be notified about this issue. Dr. Mora requested that Ms. Zablocki draft a letter outlining these concerns. Dr. Folks entered the meeting and stated that attendance is a TEA mandate.

Dr. Folks reported on the legislative activity. He reported that there will probably be around a \$2K teacher salary increase but access to the tax rate will make it difficult to

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access additional revenue. He reported that the judge set a June 12, 2006 court date concerning this matter. He also reported additional testing in the near future. Joe O'Brien raised the question of cutting some of the non-academic extra-curriculars to save money. Dr. Folks said he has heard this suggestion during his speaking engagements.

Chris DeArmond moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. and it was seconded by R. C. Rodriguez. The motion passed.

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.; 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