

Northside Educational Improvement Council

The February 6, 2007 NEIC meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Adams, Diane Aguilar, Susan Allain, Bette Austin, Robbie Bland, Kristi Bolstad, Christi Evans, Matt Foxhall, Angela Fry, Jeannette Honermann, Laura Lara, Maureen Lopez, David Maze, Dori Peterson, Cindy Plunkett, Melynn Young

Staff Present: Linda Mora, Sharon Sanchez, Maggie Alvarado, Billy Navin, Don Schmidt, Lynda Reyes, Sara McAndrew, Linda Zarakas, George Torres

Diana Aguilar moved to approve the minutes, Susan Allain seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report

AEIS report powerpoint was presented although it had already been presented to the Board due to the ice storm delay of the NEIC meeting. It was reported that Northside is the largest recognized district as a result of the scores reported in the AEIS district report. Growth in student achievement was reported in reading, English Language Arts, writing, math and science from 2005 to 2006. Social Studies remained steady at 91% of the students passing. Seventy three percent of all students passed all tests taken. All student groups in English, Math, Writing, and Science showed growth. It was noted that the standard for recognized for 2007 will be 75% passing. The completion rate dropped 91.2% to 90.6% in 2006. Total enrollment was reported at 78,154 for the 2006 year, with 49.5% economically disadvantaged, 6.5% LEP, 42.5% at-risk, and 2.1% in alternative placement. The report concluded with reports on teacher ethnicity, salaries, district demographics and revenue sources.

Discussion and Approval of the Texas Educator Excellence Awards for Valley Hi Elementary School

Approval of the Texas Educator Excellence Awards for Valley Hi Elementary School was resolved via email due to the delay of the NEIC meeting, caused by the ice storm. The vote was presented to the Board and they were happy with the decision. There will be 29 campuses eligible for next year. The plan is to give the campuses some basic structure so that the plans to disperse money will be easier to develop.

Discussion on the Performance Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS)

Performance Based Monitoring Analysis System is TEA's method for districts to perform a self audit on No Child Left Behind. Of the 44 indicators only 2 did not meet compliance.

Title IV part A – application did not match the one submitted due to a clerical error.

Title II part D – noncompliance on service to non-public schools. Private schools were invited to join in professional development at New Horizons for a fee, but they chose not to participate. This year they are allowed to register through ERO just as a NISD employee would and NISD will pay for the registration. The district received federal funds and while we cannot provide non public schools with a share of the funds, we can

pay for their registration at professional development. Therefore, this year we will be in compliance. A meeting was held on December 8, 2006, inviting all stakeholders an opportunity to review the self audit.

Discussion of 2008-09 School Calendar Options

Calendar options for 2008 – 2009 school year were presented, noting that the only difference is the date of spring break. Discussion was held concerning pros and cons of the two calendars. The only issues noted were TAKS testing being held early in April for Student Success Initiative and the six weeks ending on the 6th of March. Seven members voted for option 1 and eight members voted for option 2. Kristi Bolstad noted that she would accept either option.

A question was raised by Robbie Bland about the boundaries for next year. Dr. Mora offered to put it on the next meeting’s agenda for someone to present on the subject.

A concern was raised by Laura Lara about staff needed to support the increased population at her school. She stated that the students’ rotation cycle was being impacted.

Laura Lara moved to adjourn, Melynn Young seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:53

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 Kristi Bolstad, NEIC President, at Connally Middle School, (397-1000) or Linda Mora, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, at Central Office, 5900 Evers Road, 78238 (397-8635). Agendas of all meetings are posted at Central Office and at each school; minutes of all meetings are posted at each school.

NEIC MEMBERS:
STAFF REPRESENTATIVES:
Primary: Mary Adams, Carson Elem.; Jill Palmer, Helotes. Intermediate: Wendi Costas, Blattman; Angela Fry, Knowlton. Elementary Specialist: Diana Aguilar, Ed Cody Elementary. Middle School (Academic Core): Lisa Holmes, Jordan M.S.; Kristi Bolstad, Connally M.S.; (Other):Cindy Plunkett, Pease M.S. High School (Academic Core): Romy Vela, Jay H.S.; Dori Peterson, Stevens H.S.. (Business): Carolyn Mullins, Business Careers High School (Other): Brad Hebert, Health Careers High School. Special Campuses: Vicki Sills, N.S. Children’s Center: Counselors: Melynn Young, Connally M.S.. Librarians: Laura Lara, Ward Elementary,. Nurses: Maureen Lopez, Galm Elementary. Elementary Administration: M. LaNeil Belko, Ward Elem. Secondary Administration: Susan M. Allain, Connally M.S., District-Level Prof. Staff : Rosemary Perez, Dir., Compensatory; Paraprofessionals: Robbie Bland, Mead Elementary
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Kim Neal, David Gannon, Dr. Bette Austin, Elizabeth Moffett
PTA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Meri Ann Christopher
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: Karen Nance, Christi Evans, Mathilde Scully, David Maze, Jeannette Honermann
BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES: Matt Foxhaff, Candice Muster
President – Kristi Bolstad; Vice President – Matt Foxhall; Secretary – Jill Palmer