

*Northside Educational Improvement Council*

**I. 6:00 p.m. General Meeting Called to Order**

The January 8, 2008 NEIC meeting was called to order by president, Kristi Bolstad, at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Adams, Diane Aguilar, Susan Allain, Robbie Bland, Kristi Bolstad, Debbie Byrnes, Sue Casey, Christi Evans, Isabel Fears, Kathy Ferguson, Nancy Fox, Matt Foxhall, Lisa Holmes, Abby Kested, Lis Krimbill, Robert LeBlanc, Beverly McCarthy, Sunday Nelson, Kathryn Nicholson, Miranda Noack-Snider, Rosemary Perez, Dori Peterson, Tesilia Soliz, Sherry Willome

Staff Present: Don Schmidt, Brian Woods, Sharon Sanchez

**II. Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2007**

Diane Aguilar moved to approve the minutes, Sherry Willome seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**III. Discussion of the District Awards for Teacher Excellence Grant**

Discussion was led by Don Schmidt with input from Kristi Bolstad. This discussion was a continuation from December's meeting. There have been other various meetings since December concerning the grant. A concern continues on the long-term commitment of the potential grant. Sharon Sanchez informed NEIC that Dr. Folks was scheduled to meet on Thursday, January 10 with the principals potentially effected by the grant. At this date no formal decision has been made at this date regarding how the district should proceed. The grant is due April 8, 2008.

**IV. Discussion of Summer School**

Brian Woods led the discussion by conveying that it is difficult to find summer school teachers in the areas of math and science. It has been decided that summer school programs will implement a four day a week schedule. It is hoped that this will entice teachers in the hard to fill content areas of math and science. By eliminating one day, it will increase the hours per day students are in school. Mr. Woods expressed that the district will look into the possibility of feeding students. The child nutrition staff is preparing estimates to determine if the district can absorb all or partial cost of food service. This will take time to iron out. The dates high school summer school are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> semester June 17 through July 10; 2<sup>nd</sup> semester July 14 through August 6. The STEPS program will be included, however, the dates are not available at this time.

**V. Calendar 2009-2010**

The two options for the 2009-2010 calendar were presented. The primary difference between the calendars is the week of spring break. Option I has spring break March 15-19 and Option II has spring break March 8-12. It was mentioned that this year's spring break included the holiday of Good Friday. Kristi Bolstad called for a vote and with a majority, NEIC voted for Option I.

**VI. Other Issues**

None

**VII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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 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.; Sherry Willome, Ward. Intermediate: Wendi Costas, Blattman; Sue Casey, Helotes. 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): Beverly McCarthy, Health Careers; Dori Peterson, Stevens H.S. (Business): Miranda Noack-Snider, Marshal H.S. High School (Other): Kathy Ferguson, Clark H.S. Special Campuses: Abby Kested, N.S. Vocational: Counselors: Kathryn Nicholson, Comm. Arts. Librarians: Laura Lara, Ward Elementary,. Nurses: Nancy Fox, Leon Valley Elementary. Elementary Administration: Sunday Nelson, 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: Debbie Byrnes, Robert J. LeBlanc, Elizabeth Moffett  
PTA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Tesilia Soliz  
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: Karen Nance, Christi Evans, Mathilde Scully, David Maze, Jeannette Honermann, Isabel Fears  
BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES: Matt Foxhall, Candice Muster  
President – Kristi Bolstad; Vice President – Diane Aguilar; Secretary – Sue Casey