

Northside Educational Improvement Council

Members Present: Danika Angel, Susan Allain, Anne Best, Robbie Bland, Timothy Driggers, Christi Evans, Isabel Fears, Bill Hill, Ronald Hyde, Janis Lappeus, Belinda Lerma, Beverly McCarthy, Erin McDonald, Lori Montelongo, Jill Palmer, Rosemary Perez, Marivel Rodriguez, Linda Taylor, Alex Trevaieso, Danny Varella, Ché White

Staff Present: Dr. Linda Mora, Linda Seewald, Lisa Moczygamba

I. Call to Order

The April 6, 2010 meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Jill Palmer.

II. Approval of the Minutes from February 2, 2010

The minutes were approved as read. Erin McDonald made the motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Robbie Bland.

III. School Health Advisory Council Annual Report

Linda Seewald presented the School Health Advisory Council Annual Report. The Council is made up of parents, non-parent community members, and NISD staff.

An annual written report is required to be presented to the Board. The council recommended that recess be provided on a daily basis to students with a few exceptions.

The council has several goals including: conduct a “Snapshot” of each NISD campus regarding coordinated school health; develop a recommendation for a stand-alone middle school health course; and/or sexuality education program for 7th graders.

The council received the SHAC Award for Excellence from the state, and the \$2,000 prize money will be used to develop a “rack card” to promote SHAC and to provide parents with information about their children’s health.

IV. DATE

This is year two of the DATE grant. Lisa Moczygamba Armstrong reported on the Year 2 Amendment changes which were outlined in a handout provided by Lisa. The changes included moving some staff from Part I to Part II funding, increasing staff development funding to \$600,000, proportionally reallocating un-awarded funds amongst all eligible teachers, updating TAKS pass rates to reflect more accurate data, setting the snapshot date to Jan 21 to determine each teacher’s eligibility, and adding alternative award measures for all Part II staff (used if the set TAKs pass rates are not met). These measures were already in place for Part I staff.

Date Year 3 approval - NEIC agreed, by voice vote, that NISD will follow the approved DATE cycle one year two plan. Any amendments to the plan must be submitted by Feb. 28, 2011.

Members participated in an activity designed to provide input on measures that can be used to identify additional teachers who can qualify for an award and to consider the possibility of creating TAKS support teacher measures aligned more specifically with what the teacher does.

V. Bond Presentation

Dr. Mora reported that early voting for the bond will begin April 26 and continue through May 4. May 8 is Election Day. This is an important bond issue for NISD. The purpose of the vote is to ask the voters' permission to borrow money to build facilities. Student growth is about 3000 students per year, and more classrooms are needed for these students as well as maintaining and up-grading older facilities. The district is asking everyone on NEIC to encourage all eligible voters to go to the polls.

VI. Other Issues

There will be a May meeting. The GT Advisory council and Federal programs will be addressed, among other issues.

VII. Adjourn

Rosemary Perez made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alex Travieso. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 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 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 Jill Palmer, NEIC President, at Helotes Elementary School, (397-3800) 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: Danika Angel, Wanke; Belinda Lerma, Krueger. Intermediate: Jill Palmer, Helotes; Marivel Rodriguez, Ed Cody. Elementary Specialist: Linda Taylor, Krueger Elementary. Middle School (Academic Core): Timothy Driggers, Jordan M.S.; Anne Best, Jefferson M.S. (Other): Monica Pohovich, Jordan M.S. High School (Academic Core): Beverly McCarthy, Health Careers; Lori Montelongo, Brandeis H.S. (Business): Danny Varela, Business Careers H.S. High School (Other) Jodie Willeford, Warren H.S.: Special Campuses: Ronald Hyde, Excel Academy: Counselors: Bill Hill, Brandeis H.S. Librarians: Janis Lappeus, Stinson M.S., Nurse: Nancy Fox, Kuentz Elementary. Elementary Administration: Erin McDonald, Burke Elem. Secondary Administration: Susan M. Allain, Zachry M.S., District-Level Prof. Staff: Rosemary Perez, Dir., Compensatory; Paraprofessionals: Robbie Bland, Holmgreen Center

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Herschel Giroux, Ché White

PTA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Donna Smith

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: Christi Evans, Dave Gannon, Isabel Fears, Alex Travieso, Nancy Medrano

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES: Matt Foxhall, Robert LeBlanc