

***Northside Educational Improvement Council***

**Members Present:** Danika Angel, Susan Allain, Robbie Bland, Timothy Driggers, Christi Evans, Isabel Fears, Nancy Fox, Matt Foxhall, Bill Hill, Ronald Hyde, Robert LeBlanc, Janis Lappeus, Belinda Lerma, Beverly McCarthy, Erin McDonald, Lori Montelongo, Jill Palmer, Rosemary Perez, Marivel Rodriguez, Donna Smith, Linda Taylor, Danny Varella, Ché White, Jodie Willeford

**Staff Present:** Dr. Linda Mora, Dr. Sara McAndrew, Lynda Reyes, Linda Zarakas, Priscilla Lurz

**Guest Present:** Paul Langer, Craig Schiebel, Laurie Freeze, Veronica Colon, Kristin Dow

**I. Call to Order**

The May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Jill Palmer, President.

**II. Approval of the Minutes from April 6, 2010**

The minutes were approved as read. The motion was made by Janis Lappeus and seconded by Erin McDonald.

**III. GT/Enrichment Advisory Council – Annual Report.**

Priscilla Lurz, district coordinator of the GT/Enrichment program, and Paul Langer, chair of and parent representative on the council, presented the GTEAC annual report. The council has had an active and successful year. The council expressed their appreciation for the support of Northside staff and the school board for maintaining GT staffing and for placing GT teachers at new schools as they are opened. Because of the economic downturn and subsequent decrease in tax revenue, the council did not request new staff positions for the GT/Enrichment program. It was noted that more students from various ethnic backgrounds have been identified for the GT/Enrichment program and that testing for the program has been conducted in 18 different languages. The fund raising committee raised a record amount of money and ten grants were awarded for special GT/Enrichment activities. This summer, GT/Enrichment summer programs will be held at Title I elementary and middle schools.

**IV. NCLB Planning for 2010-2011**

Linda Mora and Rosemary Perez discussed NISD's plans for federal funding through the NCLB Consolidated Application. There are eight federal programs included by this application. Title I A focuses on improving basic programs in schools that serve high percentages of economically disadvantaged students. The recommendation was made that Jim Martin Elementary be opened as a Title I campus. The district will continue to

serve 37 other elementary and middle schools under this program. Under the reauthorization of NCLB, it is proposed that Title I funds be continued at the same funding level. New NCLB funding may be in the form of competitive grants. Title I Part A Stimulus funding will continue and will be used at the 37 campuses already identified as well as Jim Martin Elementary and seven campuses that are served solely with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds.

Title I Part C, funds services to migrant children, will continue through a shared arrangement with Education Service Center Region 20. Title II Part A funds will be used for teacher and principal training; Title III Part A funds address the needs of LEP students.

The reauthorization of NCLB may result in changes in both funding and in other areas such as adding a growth component to accountability ratings, promoting a culture of college readiness, and focusing on a complete education including fine arts, history, civics, and languages, as well as reading and math.

**V. Other Issues**

This is the last meeting for 2009-2010 school year. Meetings will resume in September.

**VI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The motion for adjournment was made by Susan Allain and seconded by Erin McDonald.

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 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 Varella, 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