

Northside Educational Improvement Council

The September 2, 2003 meeting of NEIC was called to order by President Rebecca Barron-Flores at 6:07 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Adams, Diane Aguilar, Veronica Arteaga, Rebecca Barron-Flores, Terry Condon, Laura Hinton, Patricia Hitch, Christine Johnson, Thomas Koog, Jr., Kathy Lindley, Jodi Meyer, Cindy Plunkett, R.C. Rodriguez, George Terrell, Alex Travieso, Joy Ulcak, Beth Ann Willstrop, Brian Woods

Staff Members Present: Dr. John Folks, Linda Mora, Richard Krueger, George Torres, Dr. Eleanor Elder, Dr. Pat Teicher, Sallie Lewis

I. Approval of Minutes from June 3, 2003.

Joy Ulcak made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Brian Woods seconded the motion. Motion approved.

II. District Priorities for 2003-2004 and Legislation Changes

Dr. Folks stated that 2003-2004 will be an important year with two critical issues: Funding for schools and testing accountability. Funding for schools will be a legislative issue with a special session called by the governor during the spring. The TAKS is the state mandated test with accountability measures in place-AEIS. The federal government has now added NCLB (No Child Left Behind) accountability standards as well. Dr. Folks also stated that growth is a big factor for Northside. We are expected to reach 72,000+ students this year. Due to this growth another Bond will be needed to accommodate growth. We will need another high school, two middle schools and possibly 9 or 10 elementaries. A Bond Advisory Committee has been formed and their first meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 9. This committee will meet regularly and anticipate having an election in February, 2004.

III. District Strategic Improvement Plan

Many members of NEIC served on the District Strategic Planning Advisory committee this past year. The District Strategic Plan has now been printed in a brochure that is available to all in Northside. Sallie Lewis presented the District Strategic Improvement Plan that was approved by the Board on August 26, 2003 to NEIC members. The Year One Activities were reviewed and members were told that quarterly reports will be presented to Dr. Folks and the Board. Doing yearly activities will allow for planning and evaluations to be done each year.

IV. NEIC Election Procedures

Linda Mora presented the change made to election procedures to NEIC members. Voting will now be done by computer. Designated computers will be assigned at each campus for staff members to vote. Voters will need to sign in before being allowed to vote. Absentee voting will be on September 8th and 9th and Election day will be September 10.

V. Recognition of Outgoing members

Out going members are: Tammy French, Roger Ayala, Lois Pearson, Jose Sanchez, Sharon Itz, George Terrell, Terry Condon, Alex Travieso, Eddie Barron, Yvonne Fernandez, Joy Ulcak, Brian Christoffersen, Veronica Arteaga, Diane Aguilar, Thomas Koog, Jr., Elaine Rodriguez, Terri Askin, Isabel Fears, Sheryl Parker, Beth Ann Willstrop, Laura Hinton, Christine Johnson, Jodi Meyer, Rebecca Barron-Flores, Roxanne King. All members are asked to attend the October meeting. Newly elected NEIC members will also be present at this meeting.

VI. Other issues

Dr. Eleanor Elder informed NEIC members about the newly developed CDB-Curriculum Diagnostic Benchmarks that the District will be using to track student progress. These will be done for grades 2-12. These benchmarks are to guide instruction and instruction is not to stop while these are given. The benchmark tests can be given throughout the week and can be done as part of seat work time. The benchmarks will be in TAKS format but will only assess what has been taught to that point. Answer documents will be scanned and will provide reports for Dr. Folks and local campuses. CDB's will begin on Week 6 with 3rd grade Reading, 4th grade Social Studies, 5th grade Reading. Secondary campuses will also be doing CDB's. Other benchmarks will follow on a regular basis throughout the school year.

VII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Christine Johnson and seconded By Mary Adams. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The next meeting of NEIC will be October 7, 2003.

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 Rebecca Barron-Flores, NEIC President, at Passmore Elementary School, (678-2800) or Linda Mora, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, at Central Office, 5900 Evers Road, 78238 (706-8635). Minutes of all meetings are posted at Central Office and at each school.

NEIC MEMBERS:

STAFF REPRESENTATIVES:

Primary: Mary Adams, Carson Elem.; Joy Ulcak, Boone. Intermediate: Brian Christoffersen, Thornton,; Veronica Arteaga, Brauchle .
Elementary Specialist: Diane Aguilar, Ed Cody. Middle School (Academic Core): Thomas Koog, Connally; Elaine Rodriguez; Jordan Middle
School (Other): Cindy Plunkett, Pease M.S. High School (Academic Core): Terri Askin, Jay; Isabel Fears, Sunset H.S. High School
(Business): Sheryl Parker, Business Careers. High School (Other): Beth Ann Willstrop, Health Careers. Special Campuses: Laura Hinton,
N.V.T.P. Counselors: Christine Johnson, Pat Neff MS. Librarians: Kathy Lindley, Pat Neff M.S.,. Nurses: Jodie Meyer, Oak Hills Terrace,
Elementary Administration: Rebecca Barron-Flores, Passmore Elem. Secondary Administration: Brian Woods, Clark H.S.. CO Professional
Staff: R.C. Rodriguez, Dir., Bilingual/ESL; Paraprofessionals: Roxanne King, Pat Neff M.S.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Roger Ayala, Tammy French, Dr. Bill Clark, Nancy Medrano, Patricia Hitch, Dave Gannon

PTA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Lois Pearson

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: Janet Beach, Terry Condon, Christine Hernandez, Jose Sanchez, Sharon Itz, George Terrell,, Alex
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BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES: Eddie Barron, Yvonne Fernandez