

**The ARLINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT-LEVEL INSTRUCTIONAL DECISION-MAKING COMMITTEE** functions as a representative advisory group for all AISD professional staff with regard to the establishment and review of the district's educational mission, goals, objectives and major district wide classroom instructional programs.

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**STAFF DEVELOPMENT WAIVER** – Pat Melton, Executive Director of Guidance, Counseling and Staff Development, presented information regarding a waiver for district staff development days. The waiver would allow the district to reduce the number of instructional days from 180 to 177 and then add three teacher staff development days to the 2006-07 school year. The committee shared that they wanted exchange days to continue to allow for campus retreats and other flexible opportunities. Improvements suggested by the committee included the need for a strong emphasis that staff development be focused on campus goals and needs, include information on best practices, and include multi-cultural presentations.

**CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY UPDATE** – Craig Wright, Director of Career and Technology Education presented information about his program. This topic was included on a list of desired topics that was generated by the committee in the fall. Mr. Wright addressed many aspects of Career and Technology Education including the mission, career pathways, course offerings, coordination with UTA and TCC, business partnerships and possible future opportunities. Mr. Wright answered committee members' questions. The committee expressed concerns about a lack of career opportunities for struggling students and the need for more opportunities for students in lower grades. The committee also discussed that lack of reading skills was a barrier for some students to career opportunities and that there was a need within the district to offer technical reading and writing skills. Another concern expressed by the committee regarded the need for vocational counselors.

**LETTER OF CONCERN** – Anne Brassell, Executive Director of Secondary Instruction, presented a letter of concern from a teacher regarding the cost to the district of lost textbooks that are not paid for by the students. Committee members agreed that lost textbooks were a concern. A balance between recouping the financial losses and not depriving students of the opportunity to learn must be achieved. A new bar-coding program is currently being piloted and the pilot is showing a drop in lost textbooks. Concerns were also expressed regarding the practice of used bookstores buying books that are clearly the property of Arlington ISD. It was suggested that a program for issuing textbooks is needed. There was also a suggestion that a consequence was needed.



The committee agreed that this issue should be submitted to the secondary principals for the development of a plan. The committee would like for the principals to consider the following ideas:

- Student cannot attend the senior prom
- Send bills to parents
- Investigate with Steve Brown the use of a collection agency
- Investigate the expansion of the pilot bar-coding program
- Student cannot participate in the graduation ceremony

THE COMMITTEE WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:05 P.M.

<p><b>QUESTIONS</b> - To facilitate the answering of your question: 1. See if it can be answered with the resources within your building. 2. Refer your question in writing to the appropriate committee.</p> <p><b>Scope of DIDC:</b> Limited to AISD's <u>educational</u> goals, objectives, curriculum or <u>instructional</u> programs.</p> <p><b>Scope of Communication Committee: Limited</b> to wages, salaries, hours of work, benefits (excluding insurance) and conditions of work of Districtwide importance. <b>Contact: Rhonda Clark, Administration</b></p> <p><b>Insurance Committee Contact Person: Mary Catherine Monroe, Venture High School</b></p> <p><b>Calendar Committee Contact Person: Shana Nix, Administration Building</b></p> <p><b>Paraprofessional Communication Committee Contact Person: Lester Wolff, Administration</b></p> <p><b>Maintenance/Operations/Warehouse Communication Committee Contact Person: Scott Darr</b></p> <p><b>Transportation Communication Committee Contact Person: Mary DelBrail</b></p> <p><b>Food Service Communication Committee Contact Person: Pat McDougald, Martin High School</b></p>
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If you have **suggestions** about any of the AISD's educational goals, objectives, curriculum or instructional programs, please fill out this form and attach it to a summary of your comments.

**Send to DIDC**, Attention: Becky Reynolds, DIDC Co-Facilitator, c/o Anne Brassell, Secondary Instruction, Arlington Independent School District, Arlington, Texas 76013. The **deadline** for consideration at the next DIDC meeting is **March 3, 2006**. All input by this date will be shared with the committee at its March 28, 2006 meeting. Please include your name and phone number so we may respond to your request personally.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be contacted personally by a member of the DIDC?  Yes  No

**Please note: The District Level Instructional Decision Making Committee (DIDC) UPDATE is now on the AISD Website\*.**

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