

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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WELCOME

Debbie Williams, Executive Director of Elementary Instruction, opened the meeting. Introductions of committee members present and their position on the DIDC committee was reviewed. Debbie Williams thanked everyone for their attendance and their commitment to AISD students. Items discussed:

VERTICAL ALIGNMENT

Debbie Williams shared the districts' progress with Vertical Alignment, one of the five district goals. The formation of the Vertical Alignment Committee and timeline was reviewed.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Craig Wright, Director of Career and Technical Education, shared information that the purpose of CTS is to prepare students for the workforce. He discussed the various opportunities for students and courses within Career and Technical Education. Agency partnerships with TCC and UTA and internship opportunities were reviewed. The PBMAS monitoring of the TAKS scores for CTE students was discussed.

COMPENSATORY EDUCATION HOME INSTRUCTION

Sylvia Nichols, Funds Development/Grants Coordinator, shared information about the Compensatory Education Home Instruction Waiver. This request is regarding services to students coded under Pregnancy Related Services that qualify for home instruction, instruction in the hospital, and instruction on the campus for teenage parents. The DIDC approved this request.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE WAIVER

James Rose, Director of Student Affairs, shared information about the Foreign Exchange Waiver. This waiver allows four foreign exchange students for each high school campus. He discussed specific requirements of this program and requested continuation of this waiver. The DIDC approved this request.

PERSONNEL PLACEMENT PROCEDURES

Margaret Sugg, teacher at Seguin, and Carrie Moore, teacher at Bailey, and members of the attrition committee, shared that the attrition committee has met and will continue to meet to form the Personnel Placement Procedures. They shared updated information about this procedure. Rhonda Clark, Director of Secondary Personnel, assisted in answering questions. Transfers and Reassignments were reviewed. Committee members asked specific questions and made recommendations for the committee to review and consider. The committee will present their recommendations to the principals on February 12, and to Superintendent Mr. McCullough for his approval.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:35 P.M.

QUESTIONS - 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.

Scope of DIDC: Limited to AISD's educational goals, objectives, curriculum or instructional programs.

Scope of Professional Communication Committee: Limited to wages, salaries, hours of work, benefits (excluding insurance) and conditions of work of Districtwide importance. **Contact: Rhonda Clark, Administration Building**

Insurance Committee Contact Person: Laura Clark, Administration Building

Calendar Committee Contact Person: Jerry McCullough, Administration Building

Paraprofessional Communication Committee Contact Person: Rick Tice, Administration Building

Maintenance/Operations/Warehouse Communication Committee Contact Person: Mike Shipskey

Transportation Communication Committee Contact Person: Mary DelBrail

Food Service Communication Committee Contact Person: Jackie Anderson

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: Dave McGarity, DIDC Co-Facilitator, c/o Karen Hill, Secondary Instruction, Arlington Independent School District, Arlington, Texas 76013. The **deadline** for consideration at the next DIDC meeting is **March 13, 2009**. All input will be shared with the committee at its April 7, 2009 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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