

**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

Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, Associate Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. Items discussed:

DISTRICT AWARDS FOR TEACHER EXCELLENCE (DATE) GRANT REVIEW

Dr. Marcelo Cavazos and Dr. Wally Carter gave an overview of the DATE grant established by House Bill 1. The purpose of the grant is to provide a teacher incentive awards program that supports the establishment of district wide goals and the implementation of a financial awards system for teachers who improve student achievement. In 2008-09 funds will be available to provide incentive awards to educators, principals, and other school staff for improving student performance. Funds will be awarded at three performance levels: campus, grade, and teacher.

RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RTI) OVERVIEW

Teresa Williamson, Assistant Director for Special Education presented and explained the district's development of a Response to Intervention (RtI) model. RtI is the practice of providing high quality instruction/intervention matched to student needs and monitoring learning rate over time and level of performance in order to make good instructional decisions. The model was represented with three levels of intervention to support students with varying instructional needs. Tier 1 includes universal instruction and assessment of all students in the general education curriculum. Tier 2 includes selected instructional activities and assessments for students who have not achieved at the expected level while participating in Tier 1. Only at Tier 3 does the teacher take steps to determine whether additional specialized instruction and assessment are needed. The district is developing this model in subcommittees consisting of teachers, administrators, and curriculum staff. Implementation of Tier 1 is anticipated in fall 2008.

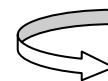
INTRODUCTION OF NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Cavazos introduced new Superintendent Hector Montenegro to the committee. Mr. Montenegro told the committee he looked forward to working with all and thanked them for their service to the district.

RESTART PROGRAM UPDATE

Karen English, Curriculum Coordinator for Special Education reviewed Restart. Restart is a systematic, problem-solving process which provides support to teachers and students in the classroom. The goal of Restart is to enhance, improve and increase student and staff performance. It provides a process designed as an early intervention to meet the needs of struggling students in the general education classroom. Currently there are Restart teams on fourteen elementary campuses.

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

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Paraprofessional Communication Committee Contact Person: Lester Wolff, 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: 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, 2008**. All input by this date will be shared with the committee at its April 1, 2008 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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