

**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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**TEXTBOOK UPDATE** – As a follow up to the letter of concern from the last meeting regarding textbooks, Buford Griffith, Arlington High School Assistant Principal, presented information about the pilot textbook bar coding program that is being used this year at that campus. Mr. Griffith reviewed the program and how the procedures are different from the old system. He indicated that losses are projected to drop from over \$35,000 to about \$6600. If the final results are as favorable as we are expecting, the program may be purchased for the other high schools. Steve Brown, Associate Superintendent for Finance, addressed the issue of the district using a collection agency to recover costs of lost books from those families who owe fines. The district is researching this strategy and talking with agencies that might provide this service. He also addressed the issue of AISD books being seen for sale at second-hand book stores. In the event that such books are discovered, Joyce Upton, Textbook Coordinator, should be contacted. Anne Brassell, Executive Director of Secondary Instruction, provided information regarding suggestions from the high school principals including not allowing students to attend the senior prom (principals requested that this be a campus-based decision) and students not being allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies (not allowed by law). Other strategies being used on some campuses include taking up textbooks and reissuing them at the end of the first semester, letting students know the cost of the books when textbooks are issued, and using classroom sets of books so students can leave the issued textbook at home.

**READING INITIATIVES** – Karen Vosdoganes, AISD Language Arts Coordinator, presented an overview of the K-12 Reading Initiative that included information about the state initiative. Teresa Cook, Early Literacy Coordinator, discussed the history of the development of the district reading initiative and the AISD Literacy Framework. She addressed the implementation of Reading and Early Literacy Academies, timelines, benchmarks, and staff development. Janie Deterly, Secondary Reading Coordinator, shared lists of resources available to district teachers. Karen Vosdoganes completed the presentation with an overview of some highlights of the AISD reading programs including Literacy Journey for Life, demonstration classrooms and on-line instructional video lessons. Ms. Vosdoganes then provided the committee with an opportunity to ask questions about the program.

Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, Associate Superintendent for Instruction, reviewed the committee on topics covered during the 2005-06 school year and the upcoming budget meeting.



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

**Insurance Committee Contact Person: Mary Catherine Monroe, Venture High School**

**Calendar Committee Contact Person: Shana Nix, Administration Building**

**Paraprofessional Communication Committee Contact Person: Lester Wolff, Administration**

**Maintenance/Operations/Warehouse Communication Committee Contact Person: Scott Darr**

**Transportation Communication Committee Contact Person: Mary DelBrail**

**Food Service Communication Committee Contact Person: Pat McDougald, Martin High School**

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 **May 1, 2006**. All input by this date will be shared with the committee at its **May 17, 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\*.**

\*([www.aisd.net](http://www.aisd.net))