

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

Becky Reynolds opened the meeting and welcomed back committee members to a new school year. Ms. Reynolds thanked everyone for their attendance and for their commitment to AISD students. Items discussed:

REVIEW OF EARLY READING INSTRUMENTS

Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and Dr. Wallace Carter, Director for Research and Testing reviewed the use of Early Reading Instruments for Accelerated Reading Instruction (ARI). TEA requires each school district to administer, at the kindergarten and first and second grade levels, a reading instrument on the list adopted by the commissioner or by the district level committee. ARI programs must address the five components of reading, using assessment data to drive the instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and text comprehension.

AISD has used the TPRI – Texas Primary Reading Inventory in grades K-2 to address the five components for reading instruction. Dr. Carter presented a comparison of TPRI – Texas Primary Reading Inventory and DRA2 – Developmental Reading Assessment. It is recommended that AISD adopt DRA2 as the district Early Reading Instrument. DRA2 is more comprehensive in diagnosing the needs of developing readers. DIDC adopted this recommendation and feels the assessment data from DRA2 will better assist teachers in driving their instructional practices.

TEXAS EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE GRANT PROGRAM

Dr. Marcelo Cavazos and Dr. Wallace Carter presented an overview of the Texas Educator Excellence Grant (TEEG) program. TEEG awards funds to campuses that have high percentages of economically disadvantaged students and have demonstrated high levels of student achievement or marked improvement in student performance. TEEG provides awards to educators who have demonstrated a positive impact on student achievement and who contribute to campus success.

This grant program is an incentive plan to reward teachers for positively impacting student achievement. Campus incentive plans must be developed with significant teacher involvement. The campus incentive plan must be supported by teachers on the campus. Incentive plans must be approved by the district-level planning and decision-making committee. Campuses will present their plans to DIDC on September 14, 2006.

FALL ELECTION

Anne Brassell, Executive Director for Secondary Instruction reviewed AISD Board Policy BQA, the policy related to elections of the District Instructional Decision-Making Committee. An election sub-committee was selected to assist with the ballot organizing and canvassing of votes. This subcommittee is composed of: Michele Marquess-Bailey JH, Larry Spracklen-Bowie HS, Jeannie Bailon-Nichols JH, Susan Spencer-Dunn Elem, Stacy Chappell-Burgin Elem, and David Tapia-Ferguson JH.

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 **October 3, 2006**. All input by this date will be shared with the committee at its October 24, 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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