

**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 for Instruction welcomed back committee members to a new school year in "A World of Opportunity."

## TEA WAIVERS

Craig Wright, Director for Career and Technology Education discussed a TEA waiver allowing the district to order a Microsoft 2003 version of instructional materials in place of a Microsoft XP version for use in Business Computer Information Systems (BCIS) I and II. DIDC felt the adoption of these instructional materials is in the best educational interest of AISD students.

Anne Brassell, Executive Director for Secondary Education presented a TEA waiver allowing for modified schedule of classes on TAKS testing days during the current school year to reduce interruptions during testing periods. DIDC felt this waiver will provide the best possible testing environment for AISD students.

## DISTRICT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, Associate Superintendent for Instruction discussed the areas of focus for student performance improvement. Twenty-five objectives were presented. Objectives included, but were not limited to core content areas, dropout rate, completion rate, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), LEP population, special education (SDAA II), Advanced Academics, Career and Technology Education, Library Services, and Instructional Technology. The DIDC will study these objectives in detail at the next meeting.

## REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

Dr. Wally Carter, Director for Research and Testing reviewed Spring 2005 student performance. The review included accountability ratings for campuses, as well as the district rating of "Academically Acceptable." A summary of the state accountability system for TAKS, SDAA II, Completion Rate, and Annual Dropout Rate was discussed. The second accountability system: Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) was also presented. Dr. Carter gave a very detailed review of the AYP accountability system.

## FALL ELECTION

Marilyn Evans, Executive Director for Elementary 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 Pam Durall, Ralph Raleigh, Mark Wood, and Jeannene Young.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:36 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 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**, c/o Crystal Theesen, Miller Elementary, 6401 W. Pleasant Ridge Rd., Arlington, Texas 76016. The **deadline** for consideration at the next DIDC meeting is **September 27, 2005**. All input by this date will be shared with the committee at its **October 25, 2005** 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))