

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 new and returning members for their attendance and commitment to AISD students. Items discussed:

INTRODUCTIONS/PURPOSE

Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, discussed the purpose of DIDC (Board Policy: BQA-local) including what type of topics are in the scope of the committee. Dr. Cavazos stressed the committee's function of providing feedback on instructional programs, policy revisions, and making recommendations for improvement to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Dr. Cavazos presented and explained the District Improvement Plan. Its purpose is to guide district and campus staff in the improvement of student performance for all student groups in order to attain state standards in respect to the academic excellence indicators. The Board of Trustees has adopted two goals: 1. To become a Texas Education Agency Recognized school district and 2. To continue to give the Arlington ISD taxpayers good value for their money through an open budget process that relies on the community input and discussion. He explained the performance objectives of each goal. DIDC members discussed issues related to the goals and ask for clarification.

ELECT NEW CO-FACILITATOR

Becky Reynolds was reelected as the facilitator for the 2007-2008 school year.

SHARED DECISION MAKING

Anne Brassell, Executive Director for Secondary Instruction, provided training that is required each year in the Shared Decision Making Process. The three types of decisions are command, consultative, and consensus. DIDC decisions are consultative to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees. A review of the decision grid was discussed: Specify, Clarify, Modify, and Ratify.

DIDC TOPICS OF STUDY

Becky Reynolds used the shared decision making process to guide the committee in identifying a list of topics to study for future agendas in 2007-08. The committee will discuss/study an Overview of Rtl (Response to Intervention) Development, Dropout Prevention Strategies, and Online Curriculum Options for Alternative Education Programs (OCS, Choices, and Turning Points).

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:05 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: 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 **November 13, 2007**. All input by this date will be shared with the committee at its November 27, 2007 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)