

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

Dave McGarity, DIDC Co-Facilitator, opened the meeting. Introductions of committee members present and their position on the DIDC committee was reviewed. Items were discussed as follows.

ROAD TO RECOGNIZED

Debbie Williams shared the district's progress towards being a recognized district and the focus on instruction. Information about Response to Intervention including the district's focus on Tier I quality core instruction was shared. The components of Tier I instruction including environment, instruction, and assessment was shared. Professional development for 2009-2010 will be aligned with environment, instruction, and assessment to support quality core instruction in classrooms.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Amy Harsha, Elementary Special Populations Coordinator, shared information about 504 and State and Federal Programs including Title I. About 300 elementary and 400 secondary students are identified as 504 students. District procedures to ensure that the identification process for 504 is in place to meet student needs. About 50% of our campuses are Title I campuses including elementary and junior high campuses.

Linda Rodgers, Secondary Special Populations Coordinator, shared information about AVID and answered questions.

Sandi Perez, Bilingual ESL Director, shared information about Bilingual Instruction including sheltered instruction. 19 of our 52 elementary campuses offer bilingual classes. ESL is offered on every campus. About 20% of our students are LEP students.

Karen English, Special Education Coordinator, shared that about 10% of AISD students are students who are identified and that all campuses support students.

Committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions from the panel of special programs. Questions were asked and answered about the Bilingual, ESL, Title I, AVID, Special Education, and 504 programs. Committee members participated in the discussion of these special programs.

David McGarity reviewed the Topics for 08-09 Focus: Review of Promotion and Retention Policies in AISD, Drop-Out Prevention Update, and the District Improvement Plan Process 2009-2010

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:20 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: Rick Tice, 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: Dave McGarity, DIDC Co-Facilitator, c/o Karen Hill, Secondary Instruction, Arlington Independent School District, Arlington, Texas 76013. The **deadline** for consideration at the next DIDC meeting is **April 24, 2009**. All input will be shared with the committee at its May 12, 2009 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)