

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

Geoffrey Grissom, DIDC Co-Facilitator, welcomed the DIDC committee at 4:18 p.m.

ACADEMIC PANEL: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATHEMATICS, COLLEGE COLLABORATION

Karen Hill, Executive Director of Secondary Instruction, explained the purpose of the Academic Panel is for DIDC committee members to have an opportunity to ask questions as requested at the last DIDC meeting. Nell Fielding, Director of Guidance and Counseling, Kristi Gette, Coordinator of Mathematics, and Karen Vosdoganes, Coordinator of Language Arts answered questions from DIDC members. A concern was shared by a DIDC member that the K-1 report does not adequately reflect the TEKS, and does not communicate student progress to parents. Some other English Language Arts questions included reading instruction and dyslexia. Grade level teacher math collaboration was suggested. Other topics discussed were academic support for struggling students, college and career readiness standards, the STAAR test, testing scores that indicate college readiness, and benchmark tests.

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

Julie Porter, Coordinator of Advanced Academics, explained the state requirements and the district's plan to meet these requirements. The areas discussed for the Gifted and Talented Program were assessment and identification, curriculum and instruction including the Texas Performance Standards Project and research-based curriculum, annual evaluation of G/T services, and professional development. The target date for compliance is August 2011.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teresa Williamson, Director of Professional Development, discussed the long-range professional development plan and the 2011-2012 professional development goals. Early planning for the curriculum department includes a date of April 1. The campus needs survey sent to principals was reviewed. Questions were answered. A suggestion was for a comprehensive assessment for specific curricular needs including teacher input.

BUDGET

Dr. Cavazos, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, discussed the estimated budget shortfall due to the state's and district's budget deficits. The importance of communicating correct information was discussed. State budget reductions are expected to be 35.1 million, and the existing budget deficit is 13.3 million, totaling 48.4 million. 2011-2012 budget reductions implemented were reviewed. These reductions included elimination of personnel and programs totaling \$15,275,121 including 390.5 positions. Additional future budget reduction considerations were shared. A tax rollback election was reviewed. Board meetings are more frequent to address the budget. Dr. Cavazos answered questions by DIDC committee members. Some of the questions were topics including probationary teachers, student-teacher ratios, tax rollback election, closing a junior high, reduction in force, optimal fund balance, and board policy. Gloria Pena, School Board President, and Jamie Sullins, School Board Member, encouraged input regarding the budget. DIDC members were encouraged to share information at campuses and in the community.

ANTI BULLYING

Nell Fielding, Director of Guidance and Counseling, shared the anti-bullying elementary guidance program that counselors will implement on campuses beginning this spring. Identification of bullying and the impact of bullying were discussed. The program includes education on bullying for staff, students, and parents, parent communication, surveys, curriculum components, and program evaluation. Malcolm Turner, Executive Director of Student Services, shared portions of the Student Code of Conduct referencing bullying including cyber bullying. Compliance including the Texas Education Code and Board Policy was reviewed. Strong actions are being taken to combat bullying. Reports of bullying begin at the campus level. DIDC members gave suggestions and input on bullying.

REVIEW TOPICS

Geoffrey Grissom, DIDC Co-facilitator, reviewed progress on topics for future meetings. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 19 2011.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:18 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: Jimmy Walker, 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: Geoffrey Grissom c/o Karen Hill, Secondary Instruction, Arlington Independent School District, Arlington, Texas 76013. 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)