

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 AND INTRODUCTIONS

Patti Belknap, Co-Facilitator and Evan Smith, Executive Director of Secondary Instruction, welcomed the committee.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, Superintendent, provided district updates and answered questions from the committee. Information included:

- Campus Survey Results will be released before the end of the year and will be transparent
- Graduating Senior Survey Results will be released in June
- Currently, Central Office Survey is being completed now
- All surveys are focused on improvement – ways that we can get better
- Budget is currently under development
- State legislature is still meeting
- Facilities Assessment is currently underway and will have results in October
- Adams Elementary is near completion and a principal should be named soon

### *Looking toward the future*

- Year 2 of Strategic Plan will bring another set of initiatives including: Discipline Management System Focus, Instructional Model completion among others
- Early College High School will have the design process complete by January 2014 with registration in early Spring Semester
- Additional Career and Technology Programs (next 10) will be added.

## 2013-2014 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Cindy Powell, Chief Financial Officer, presented information regarding the 2013-2014 General Fund Budget. The DIDC was asked for their input for next year's budget. The budget will be adopted by the School Board in June. Mrs. Powell will present the first formal conversation with the School Board on Thursday, May 16. Mrs. Powell reviewed budget highlights explaining the process/development. In addition, she provided insight into the current legislative budget considerations – the current outlook is positive for AISD.

The committee provided input and voted on the following recommendations to present to the School Board for their consideration during the budget process:

1. The Board consider an across the board pay increase that is significantly above 3%
2. Any increase in benefits is applied to salary and not insurance

Questions were invited and answered.

Committee members gave feedback and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 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: Michael Hill, Administration Building**  
**Paraprofessional Communication Committee Contact Person: Rick Tice, Administration Building**  
**Maintenance/Operations/Warehouse Communication Committee Contact Person: Cliff Summer**  
**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: Patti Belknap c/o Evan Smith, 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](http://www.aisd.net))