

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, welcomed the committee.

OPERATION GRADUATION

Wendy Carrington presented Operation Graduation that took place Saturday, September 14 beginning at 9am. The goal was to reach out and recover as many dropouts as possible. Teams of volunteers canvased neighborhoods located in each high school attendance zone.

WELCOME, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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

- A future restructuring of the entire volunteer access system – in strategic plan
- Very good start to the school year – pretty seamless
- Moving into the 2nd year of the strategic plan
- Employees will be surveyed again in November – expectation is improvement
- Parents will be surveyed again in Spring
- Support surveys are being conducted every 45 days for central office (Central Office is in existence to serve the campuses)
- Next level of Studer Training will be conducted later this month – this is based on medical rounding philosophy
- Facilities Assessment process is well underway – Steering Committee has been selected and their work will begin soon
- Articulate what we want students to accomplish before we decide what is needed in the area of facilities or resources
- Instructional model will be adopted in December
- Exchange plans regarding 2 hours of Instructional Model Training – Evan Smith, Chief Academic Officer, explained that this will be provided for 2nd semester once the model is adopted
- Campuses are developing Campus Improvement Plans at this current time
- Next week the First Year Strategic Plan Report will be presented - all 28 measures will receive targets for improvement

ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATE

A special called meeting will be scheduled to analyze and approve the District Improvement Plan. A proposed district improvement plan will be sent to the committee before the meeting. The plan must be presented to the School Board on October 3rd.

Dr. Wallace Carter, Executive Director of Testing, Planning and Accountability, presented a comprehensive update on the new state accountability system.

(Strategic Plan/District Improvement Plan will be addressed at a later meeting)

POLICY UPDATES

Mr. Michael Hill, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, presented the changes in district policy. TASB (Texas Association of School Board) reviewed the AISD and made recommendations for policy changes. Changes were revised and will be approved by the School Board on October 3, 2013.

OVERCROWDING IN EAST ARLINGTON

Mr. Hill shared information regarding the overcrowding at seven schools west of 360 (Berry, Blanton, Crow, Knox, Rankin, Roark, Thornton) are all over capacity. Classroom additions at Blanton, Knox and Ranking will help relieve this situation by adding classroom space for a total of 600 additional students – boundaries will be redrawn for 2014-2015.

CAPITAL NEEDS STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mrs. Cindy Powell, Chief Financial Officer, presented information regarding this new committee. This committee will work with various sources of information with one major piece being the results of the Facilities Assessment. Analysis will be conducted that will consider what is necessary in AISD in order to have world class facilities in which to educate our students.

In addition to facilities there will be a consideration of specialized programmatic areas (ex. technology/fine arts/transportation/CTE). Meetings are currently underway to vision future needs educationally for the students of AISD.

The School Board named 38 members to the Capital Needs Steering Committee. This group will analyze data and prioritize needs of the district out for the next 5 years. DeJong-Richter will facilitate this process.

FALL ELECTION UPDATES

Ms. Evan Smith reviewed and answered questions regarding the election for the 2013-2014 DIDC.

ADJOURNMENT

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.

Insurance Committee Contact Person: Laura Clark, Administration Building

Calendar Committee Contact Person: Michael Hill, 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)