

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

Each DIDC member in attendance introduced themselves and the area they represent.

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (PLC'S)

Overview of the PLC model was explained by Sharon Jensen, Coordinator for Title I. Development of Professional Learning Communities on all campuses is a focus tool for AISD this year as the Strategic Plan unfolds. A goal for this year for the DIDC is to formalize the committee to function as a Professional Learning Community in the future. More learning and information will be shared in future meetings.

## DATA WISE

Debbie Allison, Coordinator, Research and Evaluation, presented on this topic. A second tool being introduced to the district designed to support the Strategic Plan is the Data Wise Process. This resource was developed at Harvard through a partnership with the Boston Public Schools. This collaborative structure related to data will be utilized by all campuses as teachers analyze and learn from their data. Three major areas (Prepare, Inquire, Act) drive the process through 8 distinct steps. Outcomes from utilization of Data Wise should result in improved student success.

## TRANSFER POLICY

Arlington ISD has historically had an open transfer policy. Currently, over 7,000 students are taking advantage of this process. Recently, the School Board has shifted policy:

- 1) A resident student who becomes a non-AISD resident but remains a city of Arlington resident shall be permitted to continue in attendance on a tuition-free basis.
- 2) A resident student who changes attendance zones shall be permitted to continue in attendance at the same school through the remainder of the school year without paying a fee.
- 3) A non-AISD resident student living in the city of Arlington shall be permitted to request a transfer on a tuition-free basis. They will be assigned a priority higher than a non-city of Arlington student.

Steven Harvey, Assistant Superintendent, outlined the priority process.

## OPERATION GRADUATION

Electra Kitchen, Coordinator, Dropout Prevention presented on this topic. AISD will host their third annual Operation Graduation Walk on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. This program fits well into the Strategic Plan. This day involved the entire community of Arlington through many civic and governmental organizations. School personnel and volunteers walk through neighborhoods near seven high schools, meeting and conversing with students who should be enrolled in school and their families. The goal is to re-enroll all students who have dropped out from in our community.

## TEACHER APPRAISAL PILOT INFORMATION

Roger Jones, Coordinator, Personnel presented on this topic. Information about the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Teacher Appraisal Pilot Information was explained. The following campuses in AISD are in this pilot program: Carter JH, Hutcheson JH, Morton Elementary and Crow Elementary. Questions were answered about the process and input was solicited from the group. The TEA is revising their current state evaluation tool which is currently the Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS). This pilot is designed to help the state develop their new model and fits nicely into the Strategic Plan as offering a model for AISD consideration in the future. The model being piloted is called the Teacher Appraisal Process (TAP).

**TEACHER APPRAISAL PILOT INFORMATION (cont'd)**

A motion to consider a vote was made by Steve Paulsen and seconded by Chad Strother to approve Carter JH, Hutcheson JH, Morton Elementary and Crow Elementary Schools as participants in the TEA TAP pilot program. A vote was taken to approve the usage of the pilot appraisal system at the four campuses after the motion was made. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**ELEMENTARY REPORT CARD UPDATE**

AISD will roll out new report cards in Pre-K 3, pre-K 4, Kindergarten and 1st Grade beginning this year, 2012-2013. Debbie Williams, Executive Director, Elementary Instruction, explained the development process for the report cards. These new report cards were designed to more accurately assess the skill development of each student aligned to the state standards. Rubrics have been developed to guide teachers through this process which will bring consistency to the process across the district. All Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade teachers have received, and will continue to receive, professional development on how to complete the new report card. Report cards are also available in English, Bilingual, Spanish, Vietnamese and Arabic.

**FALL ELECTION DISCUSSION**

Evan Smith, Executive Director, Secondary Instruction, explained the election process and explained the attachments which reviewed Policy BQA, the election schedule, vacancies and the DIDC Election Update. The timeline was reviewed and the election subcommittee was appointed.

The following people were appointed to the Election Subcommittee: David McGarity, Bowie High School Teacher; Jennifer Boyle, High School Parent; Janice Tyler, Key Elementary School Teacher, Tresa Taylor, Diagnostician; and Marlene Roddy, Martin High School Principal

**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: 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: 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))